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NANKING'S RESTRAINED HOPES

Govt Peace Envoys Flying To Peiping On March 30 PUBLIC IS JUBILANT

Nanking, March 27.

The Nationalist peace delegation will fly to Communist-held Peiping on March 30, ready to begin on April 1 the negotiations with the Chinese Communists to end the civil war, according to unofficial reports here today.

More Noughts For Shanghai

Shanghai, March 27. The Finance Minister, Mr. S. Y. Liu, was reported today to be seriously considering the issuance of money orders of 5,000, 10,000, 50,000 and 100,000 Gold Yuan denominations by the Central Bank to tide over the present acute shortage of cash.

The scheme is said to have been suggested by local bankers to ease the cash famine, which has caused serious embarrassment to many employers through not being able to pay their labour.

The Finance Minister was also unconformably reported today to be putting the final touches to a financial reform measure aimed at stabilizing the gold yuan note issue and commodity prices, and balancing the national budget.—Reuter.

T.V. Soong, Dr. Sun Fo Confer

Canton, March 27. Dr. T. V. Soong, one-time premier of China, and brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek, conferred with Dr. Sun Fo, recently resigned premier, in Canton today. He was expected to return to his residence in Hong Kong aboard the steamer Fat Shan late in the day.

Dr. Sun Fo who resigned under fire in Nanking recently and was replaced by Ho Ying-chin, arrived in Canton from Shanghai last Thursday.

The reason for the conference was not clear. It was announced they discussed administrative acts while they were premiers and other important matters.

Dr. Soong also visited General Hsueh Yueh, governor of Kwangtung province, another job Soong used to hold.

There was plenty of speculation here that the conference of the two former premiers may have dealt with the fraction of the government still remaining at Canton and the possibility of a last ditch resistance government being set up if Nanking succumbed too much to the Communists in the peace negotiations.

It was also pointed out that Dr. Sun Fo is under fire by the Control Yuan on charges of using his official position to misappropriate government property, and there have been recent demands in Nanking that the Control Yuan also investigate Dr. Soong.

Some said the former Kwangtung governor merely came here to cultivate better relations with Canton politicians and offer them economic advice. One report said Dr. Soong might remain to meet the Premier General Ho Ying-chin who is expected in Canton soon.—Associated Press.

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This decision was said to have been made by four of the five Nationalist peace delegates who met this morning, following the Communist broadcast last night fixing the time and place for the peace talks and naming the Communist delegation.

Nationalist leaders continued today to maintain official silence about their reaction to the long-awaited Communist reply to the Kuomintang peace feelers.

Their acceptance of the arrangements announced by the Communists, however, is being taken for granted here.

Reliable sources say there is an atmosphere of restrained hopefulness in official circles, in contrast with the jubilation expressed by the general public.

One enterprising Nanking newspaper, that last night produced a special edition, sold out its issue to home-going theatre crowds like hot cakes.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen told Control Yuan members at a dinner party today: "I hope the peace talks can succeed."

But the general feeling is that there will be a lot of difficulties and perhaps important military operations along the Yangtze line before the war-weary nation gets the peace it desires, whatever the consequences.

Observers say the arbitrary tone of last night's Communist broadcast has put a damper on the obvious success that Acting President Li's peace policy has obtained by at last getting an official affirmative answer from the Communists.

Anking Battle

Dr. Huang Shao-hsiung, a Nationalist peace delegate and one of the leaders of the Kuomintang, who is within the Kuomintang, the other leaders are Acting President Li and General Pai Chung-hsi, the Central China commander-in-chief, is expected to reach Nanking tomorrow from Hong Kong to join the other four delegates in final discussions with the Government before flying to Peiping.

Meanwhile, Nationalist troops counter-attacking in Anking, a town in the Kwangtung province, have driven the Communist forces at least 10 miles out, according to the latest reports from the threatened strategic city on the North bank of the Yangtze river, 200 miles South West of the capital.

The Nationalists are reported to have recaptured Chihienkwan, North of Anking, which was lost to the Communists last Thursday as they thrust South towards the Yangtze from Central Anhwei Province.

In their counter-attack, the Nationalists are reported to be still pursuing the retreating Communists. Telephone communications with Anking was restored today.

The city was reported to be quiet and the situation more stable.

Guerilla Attacks

Meanwhile, official Nanking reports claimed that the Nationalist military authorities expect Communist guerrilla attacks in the near future on communication lines South of the Yangtze river between Nanking and Shanghai.

The Nanking-Shanghai Garrison Headquarters is reported to have ordered the dependents of military personnel and the rear echelons of Government organizations to evacuate 14 towns along the Nanking-Shanghai railway line.

The towns include Chinkiang, Changchow, Wush, Soochow and Kunshan (sometimes known as Quinsan).

The ferry-boat service between Chinkiang, an important Nationalist stronghold on the South bank of the Yangtze, and Chingchow, a Nationalist bridgehead on the North bank, was reported today to be in a state of emergency.



The Adibasis, an aboriginal tribe in North Central India, are agitating for a separate Governmental administrative unit for their territory, in Bihar province, which they claim to be the original settlers of the country, and the most democratic element in the territory. They demand that a new province be carved out of Bihar and West Bengal. Their leader, Jaipal Singh, says there are not less than 30 million Adibasis in India. Photo shows Adibasis tridrops performing the "Kokurachi" dance, similar to, a snake dance.—(AP Photo)

Adibasis Claim Separate Government

ss. Kwok Peng Aground In Hainan Straits

Mission To Moscow Proposed

New York, March 27. Professor Harold J. Laski proposed on Saturday that General Dwight D. Eisenhower and other Western leaders be sent to Moscow to pave the way for an East-West peace meeting in Stockholm.

Laski, British economist and former Labour party chairman, said that with Eisenhower he would send Lord Louis Mountbatten of England, Halvard M. Lange, Foreign Minister of Norway, and Leon Blum, French Socialist and former premier of France.

He said this party would serve as an advance mission from the countries signing the North Atlantic pact. They would be given the task of laying the basis for a meeting in Stockholm of President Truman, Joseph Stalin, Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Henri Queuille of France.

He said he has not discussed his idea with any of the men he named.

Laski, professor in the school of economics of London University, said he noted that the North Atlantic pact stresses it is a defensive pact. He said the mission which he nominated should make that clear to Russia.

He said he had suggested Eisenhower as the best man from the United States because Eisenhower symbolizes what the Russians respect, power, and what the Russians want, peace.—Associated Press.

Australia Adamant In Gamboa Case

Tokyo, March 27. The Australian Government has refused a request from General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, to permit Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa to visit his wife and children in Australia. It was learned reliably today.

The Australian Mission in Tokyo received the Australian Government's reply to the urgent message containing General MacArthur's pleas and passed it on immediately to Mr. A. Carpenter, head of SCAP's Legal Division.

General MacArthur said he had no comment to make on the Australian Government's decision at the present time. Officers close to the general would not indicate what action, if any, General MacArthur now contemplated to assist Gamboa.

Mr. Patrick Shaw, head of the Australian Mission in Tokyo, refused to discuss the Gamboa case or reveal the nature of the cable he received yesterday from the Australian Government.

"All I can say is that we received a cable and I sent a copy to Mr. Carpenter," he said. "If you want anything further, I must refer you to Canberra."

Mr. Shaw said he had not heard of the reported Philippine Government decision to freeze Australian visas. He would not discuss the possible effect of the action on the Qantas Japan-Australia courier service, which uses airport facilities at Manila for overnight stops.—Reuter.

Prisoners Clash With Burma Troops

Bangkok, March 26. It was officially learned today that 52 prisoners were taken out of Taunggyi Jail, 130 miles North East of Mandalay, yesterday and three were wounded and ten captured in a clash with the Burmese troops.

Official sources said that 40 prisoners and three criminal prisoners stole Burmese guns, rifles and mortars from Taunggyi prison before making their break. They said the prisoners were heading South in the direction of strong Karen concentration when the troops intercepted them.

During the ensuing fight, 30 of the prisoners escaped.

A full was reported in the fighting in Insein, 10 miles North of Rangoon, but the government was expected to start a new offensive against the Karen. Exact details about a new offensive were not given.

Three British Films Banned By Communists

Shanghai, March 27. Three British films have been banned from exhibition by the Communist authorities in Peiping. Those are "Burma Victory," "Theirs is the Glory" and a news reel of the Royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth.

News of the ban was received here by the Eagle Lion representative for the Far East, Mr. W. D. A. Lambert, in a telegram on Friday. The Eagle Lion is a film distributing company owned by Mr. J. Arthur Rank, the British film magnate.

The office was not informed of the reasons for the ban. Mr. Lambert said today that he could understand why the film of Princess Elizabeth's wedding was banned—the Communists' aversion to Royalties—but could see nothing wrong with the other two pictures by any standards.

"Burma Victory" is a semi-official record of the campaign against the Japanese in Burma. It was made with the sanction of the British War Office and included many feet of film which were shot during actual operations.

"Theirs is the Glory" is a plain tale of one of the war's most successful operations.

U.S. Tornado Kills 18, Injures Many

Little Rock, Arkansas, March 27. At least 18 persons were known to be killed and scores injured when a tornado slashed across Southern and Eastern Arkansas today, leaving 10 dead before it dipped into the Mississippi, fatally injuring a woman and a negro child.

The twister, originating at Whelen Springs, Arkansas, about 100 miles South West of Little Rock, was last reported moving toward Corinth, Mississippi.

It left a path of destruction in its wake, knocking out communications and causing thousands of dollars of property damage as it levelled homes and buildings.

In a 100-mile patch, the storm fortunately struck only isolated farm houses and small rural communities.

COMMUNISTS IN INDIA

New Delhi, March 27. In the year ending February 15, the Government of India detained 1,809 Communists in various provinces.

The Ministry spokesman said this did not include figures for the princely states including Hyderabad.

Madras province, with 743, topped the list in India, followed by West Bengal with 337, East Punjab, 232, and Bombay, 119.

The spokesman added that during the three weeks ending March 8 another 1,008 Communists were detained in the provinces.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (2 a.m. HKT) a moderate anticyclone is stationary over China. Pressure is relatively low over Hainan, with a shallow depression moving ENE to the S of Tokyo.

Tokyo's Forecast: Moderate or fresh E winds; Breeze, with partial clearance during the day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 81.1 deg. Feh. Minimum 61.1 deg. Feh. Rainfall: 0.0 in. Sunshine: 1.5 hours.

Mainly: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 122.1 mm. 4.8 in. as against an average of 122.7 mm. 4.8 in.

Readings at: 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Bar. at sea level: 1022.5 1018.5 a.s.l.

Temp. at sea level: 20.1 20.1 (air) 20.1 (sea)

Rel. Humidity: 71 73 %

Dew Point: 51 51 deg. F.

Wind Direction: S 2 E

Wind Force: 1, 10 knots

Clouds: 100 100

Time: 11

Sign: 087 0.2

Wind: 210 0.2

Low: 080 0.2

Gigantic Arms Programme For Western Europe

Washington, March 26.

The State and Defence Departments have prepared a \$1,800,000,000 arms programme for Western Europe and other free nations as down payment on a long range military programme to resist Communist aggression.

Administration officials revealed that the arms programme drafted for Congressional action in the middle of April contains approximately US\$1,200,000,000 for the Western European nations signing the North Atlantic treaty.

The remainder of the funds would be earmarked for use in Greece, Turkey, Iran, Latin-America, the Philippines and possibly other non-Communist areas.

The global arms project was already under consideration by the Budget Bureau.

Administration officials expect it to go to President Truman within a week or 10 days. The programme was developed by a committee headed by the Assistant Secretary of State, Ernest Gross, and Major General Lyman Lemnitzer, deputy Commandant of the National War College Programme.

Legislation would cover arms aid for friendly nations between next July and June 30, 1950. Present plans are to ask Congress later for larger amounts for at least another three years if the East-West tension continues.

In the proposed legislation, President Truman would seek wide authority to allocate funds between the North Atlantic country members and other nations, whose security is vital to the United States interests. This would allow a swift movement of military supplies in the event Russia stepped up pressure on any country scheduled to receive arms or on any other non-Communist nation.

Legislative Battle Ahead

Congress has served notice on the administration that the arms programme faces a tough legislative battle. Some Congressmen have expressed outright opposition to the plan on the grounds that equipment and military secrets might fall into the Communist hands.

One top official said the security aspects of the arms programme may make it mandatory that Congressional hearings be held in secret. This official said that foreign intelligence agents could piece together vital information on the basis of the current arms strength in Europe and data on the details of the over-all strategic plan to defend the North Atlantic area.

He said that ultra precautionary measures would have to be adopted to prevent any military secrets from falling into Communist hands. Security measures will be patterned on those already in force by the five Brussels pact powers.

United States military equipment to be shipped to Europe would be carefully selected to insure that no military secrets could be picked up by the Communists for transmission to Russia. The first shipment would be drawn chiefly from surplus stocks and existing supplies. The production of new equipment would be expected on a large scale beginning in 1950.—United Press.

On Raft For 113 Days

Washington, March 26. Senator Warren Magnuson (Democrat, Washington) says the United States Navy learned so much from a Chinese seaman, who spent 113 days on a raft during the war, that the man should be granted permanent American residence.

Senator Magnuson offered a bill yesterday to give that privilege to Poan Lim, who wrote a new page in the textbook of survival technique after a British merchant ship was torpedoed under him.

The sailor secured a raft provisioned for only 60 days and, eating birds, caught by hand and fish snared with a watch-spring hook, sat it out until he was picked up off the coast of Brazil.—Reuter.

WARNING ON JAPANESE REDS

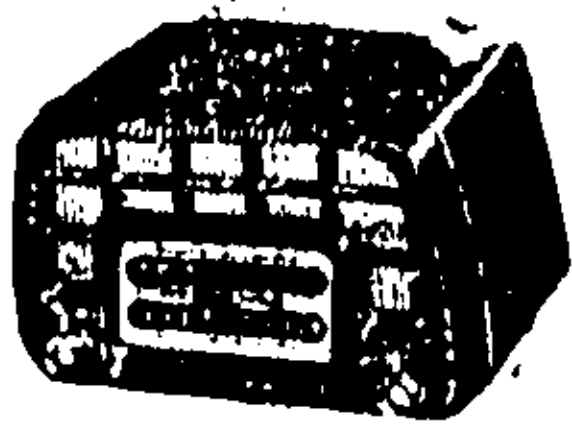
Tokyo, March 26. The newspaper "Labour" warned today that Japan's Communist Party would order its members to take up arms against the government in the event of a Soviet invasion of Japan.

Answering a recent statement leader Kyuchiro Tokuda that Japanese Communists would resist any invading foreign country, the publication said a Russian landing in the Japanese islands would not be interpreted as "invasion."—United Press.

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Exercise Lancer Beginning Today

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Man Shot In Left Leg

At 9.30 a.m. yesterday, a detective of the Eastern Police Station was walking along Wanchai Road near Johnston Road.

He saw a man acting suspiciously, and when he approached him, he started to run. The detective gave chase and fired a shot at his left leg.

In spite of his injured leg, the man ran up to No. 190 Johnston Road, and tried to escape from the next staircase. Eventually, he flinched half way down the first floor. He was arrested and sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

The man, Tse Ming, aged 25, was suspected to be a banisher.

Piano Concert

A Piano Concert by the pupils of Miss Maple Quon with two items by boys from the Diocesan Boys' School was given at the Diocesan Girls' School on Friday.

The programme consisted of classical and modern compositions, all played from memory.

The performers were between the ages of 13 and 19. For most of them, it was their first public performance.

The outstanding events were De Falla's Dance of Fire, by Eleanor Wong, Chopin, Etude Op. 10 No. 3 by Alice Pan, Chopin Ballade in G Minor by Julia Law, and Godard Second Maubour by Irene Wag-

ner. Variety was lent by a Trio for violin, cello and piano by Peter Pan, Alice Pan and Fritz Lin; and a violin solo by Oscar Wong. Both items were ably accompanied by Iselde Ahwee.

The concert was very well attended and realised more than \$1,500 for the Piano Fund.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW ROLE

Canberra, March 28. Australia wants to rehabilitate and lift the living standards of its South West Pacific neighbours and is at present sending US\$1,500,000 worth of medical supplies and clothing to Burma, Malaya and Indonesia.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, in his weekly broadcast to the nation compared Australia's role in South East Asia with President Truman's blueprint for world rehabilitation.

Pointing out that already students from nine Asian countries were receiving Australian scholarships to study here, he hoped this year 26 would be taken. —United Press.

It is only one of the "hot spots" which both Police and militia have to clean up in "Exercise Lancer," being held as a sequel to "Operation Fullmoon" carried out last December on the island and mainland.

Beginning today till Friday, manoeuvres by the Combined Services and Police will be staged in Hong Kong and the New Territories, to test naval gunfire, air and infantry co-operation night attacks, and co-operation between the three services and the police in the Colony.

The Police will utilise the fruits of "Operation Fullmoon" and will give the arrangements for internal security another severe test. At the same time, they will report incidents and hostile aircraft from observation posts and from launches cruising in Hong Kong's territorial waters.

Five British war ships, including HMS London, Cossack, Amethyst, Black Swan and the Canadian warship Crescent, will participate in the combined operations.

Planned "Riots"

"Riots" have been planned for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Hong Kong and Kowloon, after which the operations will be transferred to the New Territories, terminating on Friday.

Today, all Army, Navy and Air Force personnel will be mobilised, and Army units will be called out only in the event of the police finding themselves unable to handle the "riots."

"Defenders" will comprise members from the 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, 1st Battalion, the Buffs, 2d Gurkha Rifles, 2/10 Gurkha Rifles and available RAF First and Transport aircraft.

The "enemy" will be composed of men of two companies of the 2/6 Gurkha Rifles, one platoon of the Royal Marines, and RAF (inland) of the Far East Flying School.

Police units were sent yesterday to take up positions in the New Territories and elsewhere in the Colony as information of impending outbreaks of violence and riots has been received by Combined Headquarters.

The police have also been sent to reinforce areas where serious trouble is expected.

'ROBBERY TRY

An attempted robbery occurred at the staircase of No. 100 Fok Wing Street, Shamshuipo, about 9.30 p.m. yesterday, when an amah was held up by a Chinese, armed with a dagger.

She struggled with the man and received slight injuries to her arms. The man ran away when she cried out for help.

The Police are investigating.

ON LEAVE

Mr. T. B. Low of the Seamen Compensation Pension, Marine Department, left with Mrs. Low by BOAC last Friday for home leave.

He is being replaced by Mr. D. L. Edwards.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Easter Race Meeting

Saturday, 16th and Monday, 18th April, 1949

There are twelve races each day. The First Race will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

Through Numbers (24 Races—\$49) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, 100, Queen's Road Central, after 11 a.m. on the last day of the second day, as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all charges.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be available at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptrol Office and the Secretary's office will close at 10 a.m. each day.

Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of lifts will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (1st Floor).

CHICKENS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PARADES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Entertainment will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SEVANT'S PASSER.

Sevants' passes will be issued to Private Men, Ladies, etc. who are permitted to enter the Club House during the Race Meeting. These passes will be issued to the Club House during the Race Meeting.



Bearded, long-haired men are beginning to appear in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau—apprentices for fame in the Passion Play depicting the life of Christ from the entry into Jerusalem until the Crucifixion and resurrection. Presentation is not until May 1950, but already much village talk is going on who will be chosen to depict Christ, the Virgin Mary, the disciples and other important characters in the play. Photo shows Franz Swing, a wood-carver like many of the Oberammergau villagers, mentioned for the part of Christ. His beard is grown in anticipation of the play.—AP Photo.

800,00 Die In Soviet Camps

Berlin, March 28. The American-controlled radio station, RIAS said tonight that 800,000 persons had died in Soviet zone concentration camps since 1945.

RIAS said that 91 concentration camps existed in Germany to house political prisoners. It said that since 1945, more than 180,000 persons had been imprisoned in them.

Of these 180,000, RIAS said, 80,000 died and 30,000 were transported to Russia. —United Press.

SMALL FIRE

A small fire broke out at No. 131 Queen's Road Central at about 11 p.m. yesterday. The fire was put out before the arrival of the fire appliances.

Two fire appliances were sent out from Central and Eastern Fire Brigades shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday, when a small fire broke out at No. 100 Jaffe Road, first floor.

The fire was extinguished by the inmates, and no damage was done.

CORRECTION

On Page 7 in the "Sunday Herald" pictorial, Miss M. E. Chipp was erroneously identified as Mrs. Hempsay.

Unsung Gelding Wins Steeplechase

Aintree, March 27. An unsung nine-year-old gelding named Russian Hero captured the 103rd Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday in a runaway finish. His trainer, George Owen, did not figure the horse had a chance and even debated with his owner about starting. But the owner—Mr. William Dearnall Williamson, a dairy farmer on the estate of the Duke of Westminster—figured otherwise.

Russian Hero, starting at 60-1 odds, snatched the lead on the next to last fence and came home eight lengths in front of Roimond, a 22 to 1 shot. His purse was \$37,808.

A length back of Roimond was Royal Mount at 18 to 1. Cromwell, the 7-1 favourite ridden by Lord Milford, was a well-beaten fourth.

Russian Hero's time was 9 minutes 28-4/5 seconds. The record is 9 minutes 20-4/10 seconds set by Golden Miller in 1934.

Months ago the bookmakers thought so little of Russian Hero that Mr. Williamson was able to get 800-1 on a \$40 bet. That made \$12,000 the owner took from his bookie.

Only one London newspaper picked Russian Hero to win. That was the "Daily Worker," official organ of the British Communist party.

Only 11 horses out of the field of 43 starters lasted through the gruelling run of four miles 855 yards—the world's toughest racing test.

500,000 See Race

The crowd was estimated at 500,000 to 600,000. The Americans present got only a short run for their money out of two Yankee entries. These were Replied, owned by Richard L. Mellon of Ligonier, Penn., and Caddie the Second, owned by Paul Mellon of Washington. Replied tumbled at the fifth jump and Caddie the Second, which was making his second Grand National try, went down at the seventh barrier.

One of those which failed, the eleven-year-old Bora Cottage, was killed in a tumble at the 11th of the 30 fences.

Woodcock Knocks Out Johnny Ralph

Johannesburg, March 28. Bruce Woodcock, Empire, European and British heavyweight champion, knocked out Johnny Ralph, the South African heavyweight, in the third round of their ten rounds fight here tonight.

After starting off in grand fashion and chasing Woodcock round the ring in the first round, which he won, Ralph was quite unable to cope with Woodcock's killing right hand.

In the second round Woodcock sent Ralph to the canvas for two counts of nine, and he was down again to be saved by the bell at the end of the round.

Then in the third round, Ralph went down for counts of nine, twice and eight before being finally knocked out.

After the bout Woodcock said he was satisfied with the way the fight had gone. "I am feeling on top of the world and am now set for a world title fight," he said.

Rugby Match Results

London, March 28. The following were the results of rugby matches played today:

RUGBY UNION: Inter-Services Tournament—Army 3 Royal Air Force 5. Club matches—Blackheath 8 Bedford 11. Aldershot Services 12 Old Millhillians 8. Bath 5 Exeter 11. Birkbehead Park 15 New Brighton 11. Bradford 3 Broughton Park 6. Aberlery 3 Aberavon 19. Bridgend 11 Llanelli 9. Cheltenham 21 Neath 6. Devonport Services 14 Plymouth Albion 4. Falmouth 5 Weston Super Mare 3. Gloucester 6 Newport 3. Manchester 11 Rotherham Park 15. Moseley 27 St. Bartholomew's Hospital 11. Newbridge 11 Pontypool 3. Nuneaton 0 Coventry 14. Penzance and Newlyn 11 Cross Keys 11. Rugby 16 Middlessex 11. Sale 6 Harlequins 5. Swansea 16. Tottenham 11. Walsley Athletic 30. Bridgewater and Albion 10. United Services Portsmouth 11. Richmond 34. Waterloo 32. Notts 3. Glasgow Academicals 6. Collegians Belfast 10. Glasgow High School Former Pupils 6. Watsonians 10. St. Peter's Former Pupils 6. Herio's Former Pupils 0. Saracens 3. Metropolitan Police 11.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Club Matches: Bramley 9 Hill Kingston 10. Dewsbury 20 York 7. Featherstone Rovers 17 Rochdale Hornets 9. Halifax 4. Wigan 10. Hull 12 Leeds 10. Hunslet 8. Huddersfield 15. Liverpool Stanley 5. Workington Town 33. Oldham 7. Keighley 8. Swinton 17. Leigh 10. Wakefield Trinity 23. Belle Vue Rangers 3. Warrington 19. Salford 10. Widnes 15. Bradford Northern 0. Whitehaven 0. Castleford 12.

Friendly match: St. Helen's 10. Batley 12.—Reuter.

FRENCH RUNNERS IN THE FORE

Dublin, March 28. French runners filled the first three places in the seven nations' international cross-country championship at the Ballydoyle race course here today.

The winner was A. Mimoun, with a time of 47 minutes 50 seconds for the nine-mile course. He was followed home by R. Pajazon, one second behind, with C. Cerou third in 47 minutes 55 seconds.

France won the team prize with 55 points, with England (190 points) second and Ireland (123 points) third.—Reuter.

Reminders

Today

Lingnan-HK University sports, Pavilion at Pokfulam.

Reform Club third public meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

HK Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

Crown Land Auction, PWD offices, 3 p.m.

San Dakan Light and Power Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, in office of the Union Trading Co., York Building, 12 noon.

Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

HK Council of Women, general meeting, talk by Commissioner of Police PRO Lecture Room, 6.15 p.m.

Budget Debate, Legislative Council, 2.30 p.m.

HK Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

HK Lawn-Bowls Association, annual general meeting, SCM Post board room, 5.30 p.m.

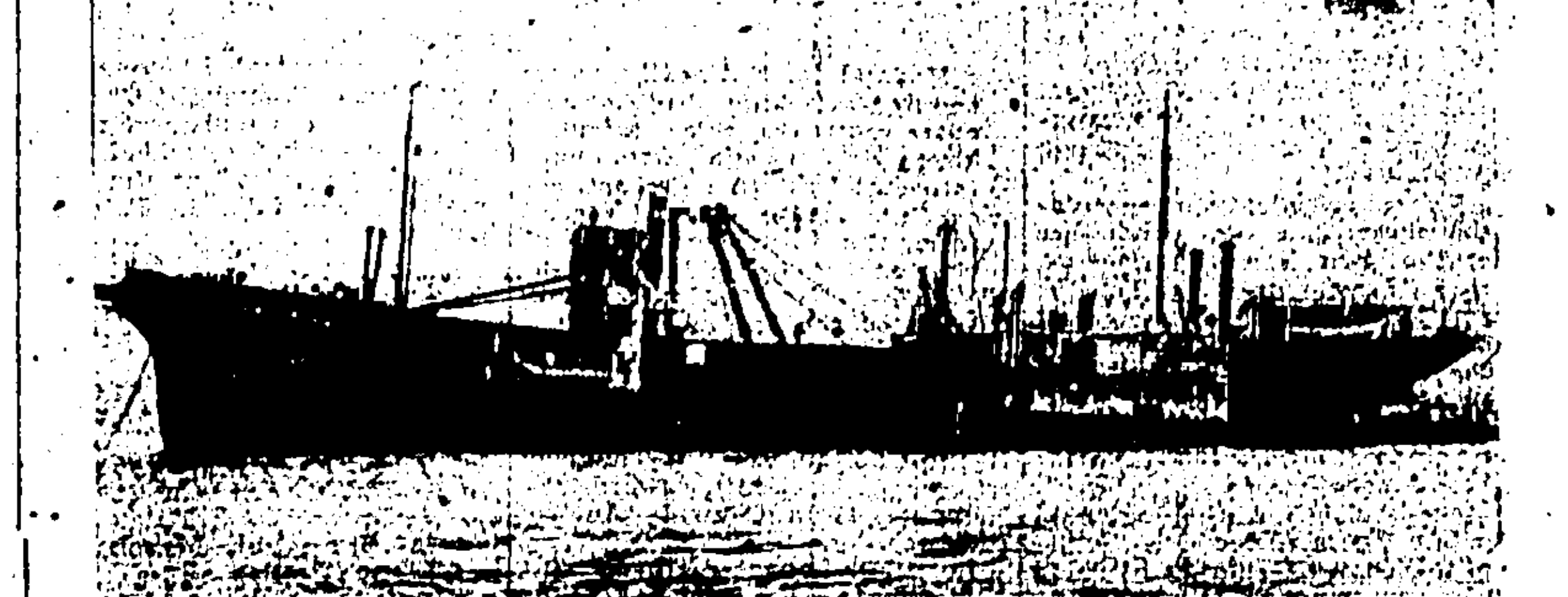
THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Ladies Night, Y'a Men's Club of Hong Kong, at Cosmo Club, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Music Group of Sino-British Club, concert at St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.



Pictured is the Chinese steamer Kwok Peng, which ran aground in Haitian Straits yesterday and holed her bow. She is seen here unloading cargo from the Hong Kong craft, San Rafael, which has to tie up alongside because of her own unseaworthy derrick. ("China Mail" Photo). (STORY ON PAGE 1)

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ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, at NOON to receive the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948 to elect Directors, and to appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 14th March, 1949, to MONDAY, 28th March, 1949, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

B. C. FIELD.

Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

THE REFORM CLUB OF HONG KONG

THE SECOND PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the West Lounge, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Thursday, March 24, 1949, at 6 p.m. and THE THIRD PUBLIC MEETING will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel on Monday, March 28, 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

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Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. Li Fook-shu's name has been added to the List of Authorised Auditors.

The name of Wong Ping-fan has been removed from Part 11 of the List of Authorised Auditors according to yesterday's Government Gazette.

Mr. John Black's name has been included in the List of Authorised Architects. The name of Mr. Harry David Sutherland Page has also been added to the List.

Mr. C. G. Frampton Melmoth has been appointed a Cadet Officer, on probation, with effect from February 15, 1949.

Mr. James Alexander has been appointed an Engineer in the Public Works Department, on probation with effect from March 8.

Mr. James Wick has been appointed to be Crown Counsel with effect from February 22.

Mr. Andrew Nicol has been appointed to be Director of Public Works with effect from March 24. Mr. Nicol assumes the duty of the Building Authority and the Water Authority.

Mr. Arthur Evelyn Lissman has been appointed to be Deputy Director of Public Works with effect from March 24.

Mr. George Stanley Graver has been appointed to be Assistant Director of Public Works with effect from March 24.

Mr. D. J. Smith Crozier has been appointed to act as a Senior Inspector of Schools with effect from March 14.

Mr. D. T. Smith has been appointed to be an Assistant Collector under the Stamp Ordinance.

Mr. B. G. Pugh has been appointed to be Official Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from March 17.

Mr. Eric Gurnel Price has been appointed to act as a Member of the Council of the University with effect from February 28.

Dr. F. R. Ashton has been appointed to be a member of the Midwives Board during the absence from Hong Kong of Dr. Annie Sydenham.

Mr. George Wolcott Mallory has been provisionally recognised as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong.

The Licensing Board will meet on April 5 at 4 p.m. at the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

The Governor-in-Council has granted permission for Messrs. Yeung Leung-sin and Pui Man-tai to become officers of the Shanghai and Ningpo Sea Navigation Workers Union.

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LAWS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THERE ARE many situations in which the new Laws of the game make a big difference in the results obtained. Being more conservative than their predecessors, they prevent occasional absurd results. This is true of the Laws on bidding irregularities and likewise those on playing irregularities. One important change involves a lead out of turn by a defender. The declarer previously could compete by forcing the lead of any one suit, and if the correct lead had none, he could lead anything. Now he can only forbid the lead of the incorrectly led suit, or treat the card as a penalty card.

S A B
H K 8 3
D K Q 7 5 2
C J 9 6
S J 10 7 8
H 9 4 10 8
D None
C A K 8
6 4 2

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)
North: East South West
1 D Pass 1 H 2 C
2 H Pass 4 H

This deal featured the only time that Al M. Sobel, great tournament director, had to rule on an irregularity at a table where his famous champion wife, Helen, was playing. It was six years ago and East had led the club Q. He ruled correctly that she had a lot of options, includ-

ing the right to compel or forbid the lead of any one suit. When Mrs. Sobel then asked for a diamond lead, the outcome was grotesque. Having no diamonds, West could lead anything he chose. He sent the club 4 to the 10, ruffed the diamond return, led to the club Q, ruffed the next diamond and so beat the contract which everybody else made. That gave Mr. Sobel's wife and her partner a bottom score on the deal.

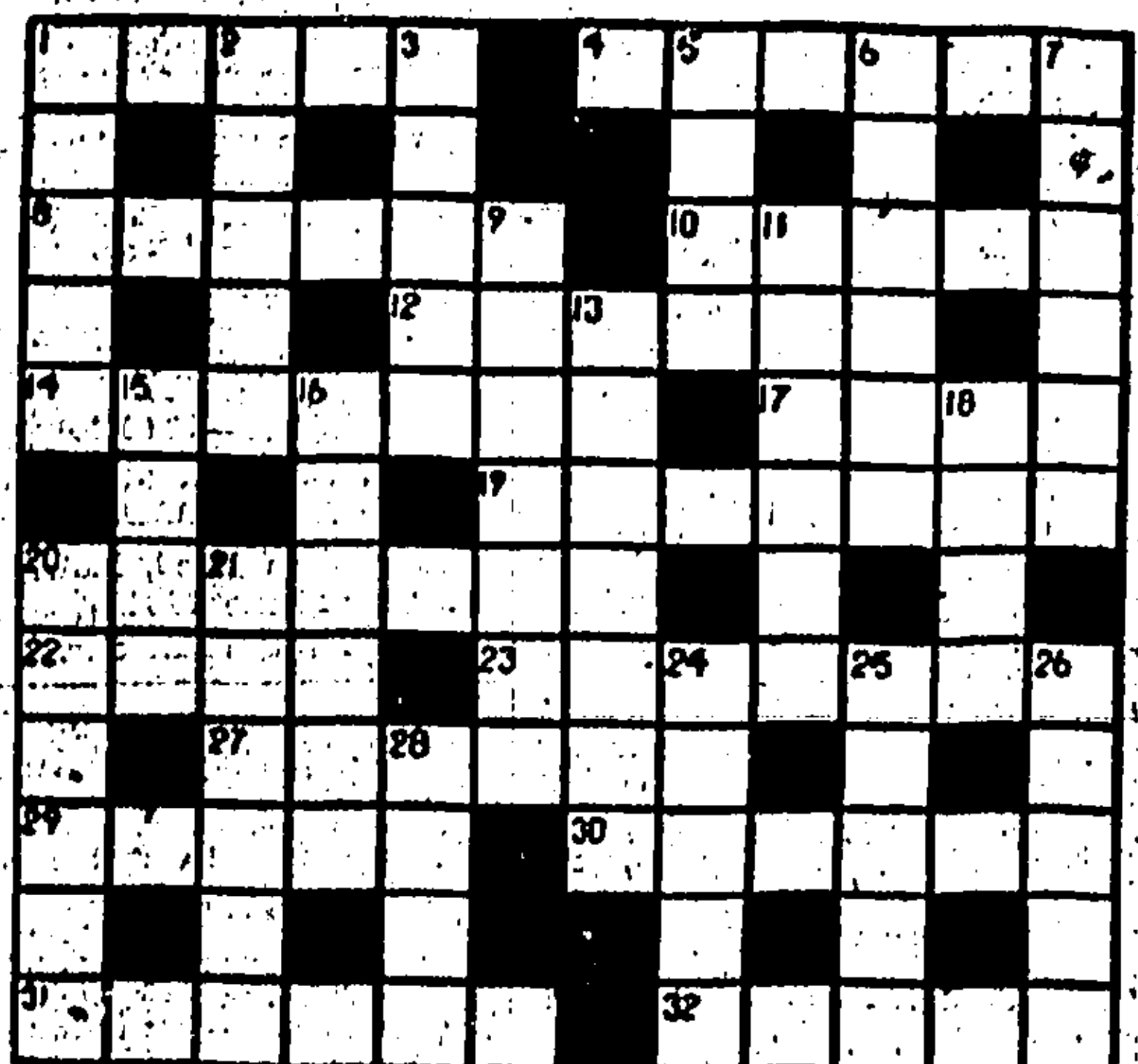
Under the new Laws, not allowed to ask for the lead of some other suit, Mrs. Sobel would merely have forbidden a club lead. Obligated therefore to lead a major, West would have given her lead which have enabled her to discard a club on the fourth diamond after clearing trumps. Thus she would have made 6-odd, beating all the other pairs, who scored only 5-odd. She therefore would have had a top instead of a bottom.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K 6
H J 8 7
D 10 8 6 4
C J 7 4 2
S A Q 10
H Q 10 5
D A J 5
C 10 9 8 6

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)
What should West bid, with a brand new partner, after East's 1-Spade is passed to him?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Writing-tablets.
4 Modified suit.
6 Building material.
10 Ordinary.
12 Account book.
14 Full.
17 Grant.

Down

10 Deceives.
20 Idiotic.
22 Loon.
23 Expressed audibly.
27 Thin coating.
28 Tolerate.
30 Smart.
31 Wine.
33 Correspond.

Saturday's Crossword

Across: 1 Invasion, 5 Open, 9 Mantle, 11 Depleted, 13 Clod, 15 Rattling, 18 Singling, 19 Pelt, 21 Despatch, 23 Singular, 26 Plot, 27 Usual.
Down: 2 Deep, 4

Across

1 Ralse objections.
2 Flight.
3 Climb.
5 Dope.
6 Rained hard.
7 Finds a solution.
9 Train.
11 Safe.

Down

13 Extinguished.
15 Relieve.
16 Came ashore.
18 Valley.
20 Alleviate.
21 Request courteously.
24 Feature.
25 Drive back.
28 Unclean.
29 Close.

Across

Neat, 5 Arid, 6 Ideal, 7 Noted, 9 Meets, 10 Nerve, 12 Slope, 14 Ounce, 16 Impel, 17 Elder, 19 Power, 20 Links, 21 Dull, 22 Tart, 23 Tilt, 24 Duty.

Big Three Conference On W. Germany Planned

Washington, March 27.

The State Department is quietly arranging a three power Foreign Ministers meeting on Western Germany to be held here in about ten days, it was learned on Saturday.

The meeting will try to settle among the United States, Britain and France critical issues delaying final unification and further economic development of Western Germany.

The conference is timed to take advantage of the fact that British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman will arrive in Washington late next week. They will attend the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty on April 4.

The German talks probably will be held immediately after that. Authorities said they would be very informal.

On Saturday the Western powers announced minor transfers of territory from Germany to its Western neighbours—the result of one of the conferences of lesser officials on German problems which have been under way abroad for many months. The announcement said that 52 square miles of German land

with a population of 13,500 will be switched to the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Saar and France to improve communications and administration. The frontier will be pushed back inside Germany at 31 points.

The major problems arise from efforts to unify and establish a government for all three zones of Western Germany and promote its economic development to aid European recovery.

Among The Issues

Issues which may be taken up by Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson, Mr. Bevin and M. Schuman here include the following:

One—Drafting an occupation statute. Work has been going forward on this in London. It will fix the relationship between the occupation powers and the proposed German government. The United States is understood to want the greatest possible freedom of action for the new government, consistent with security against a German military revival. France is reported to want to reserve for the Allied Military Governors an overriding power.

Two—Division of powers between the proposed Central German government and State governments. The United States and Britain have favoured a stronger central administration than France, which considered a loosely federalised combination of States as a way of keeping Germany under control.

Three—The Berlin crisis. So far all efforts to reach an agreement with the Russians for lifting their Berlin blockade have failed. Diplomatic authorities believe, however, that the Foreign Ministers must seek other possibilities for ending the crisis.

Four—Reparations—an Economic Co-operation Administration Committee several months ago recommended a reduction in the number of plants marked for reparations removal from Germany. Britain and France did not at once accept the proposal. Officials said this may be settled before the Washington meeting.

Five—Prohibited and restricted industries—the United States favours narrowing the number of industries in which German activity was either prohibited or restricted.

Territorial Changes

American officials say the Washington conference is not expected to resolve these issues in detail. They hope for agreements in principle so Deputies in subsequent meetings can work out complete agreements. The slicing off 31 small pieces of Germany and attaching them to Germany's neighbours was the first shifting of the German Western boundaries since establishment of Saar autonomy.

It was agreed by the United States, France, Britain, and

Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg in a Paris conference. Reports from Europe said the Germans reacted bitterly. Some German leaders denounced any tampering with the Western borders as contrary to international law and a violation of the Atlantic Charter. The Western powers had long staved off this issue despite pressure from the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany's other neighbours. They finally agreed to take action because of the delays in working out a German peace settlement as a result of the split between the West and Russia.

Nevertheless, the changes which are to be brought about as a result of the Paris agreement are officially termed "provisional" and may be "confirmed or modified by the terms of the final settlement concerning Germany." The changes were described in the announcement as "minor rectifications."—Associated Press.

RADIO

The Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second (and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary
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1.50 p.m.—Billy Mayerl at the Piano.
1.55 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Interlude.
2.30 p.m.—Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.
2.50 p.m.—Class Drama.
3.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
3.05 p.m.—Dance Orchestra of USS Elmhurst.
3.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Delay).
7.15 p.m.—Recent Variety Releases.
7.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Delay).
8.10 p.m.—"The Chinese Family Carries On". A Talk by Mr. J. H. Allen, M.A. Who, until recently was Lecturer in Modern History at the University, Rangoon. (Studio).
8.25 p.m.—Interlude.
8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Olive Mahlon. (Studio).
9.00 p.m.—Yvette Girard and Jean Sablon "Entertainers' Night".
9.15 p.m.—Linda Carter "Talks on Films" (Studio).
9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse: "Money with Menace" by Patrick Hamilton. James Mason as Mr. Stevens.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Delay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—The Hallé Orchestra.
10.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

France Signs Customs Pact With Italy

Paris, March 27.

France and Italy on Saturday signed a treaty designed to tear down the tariff wall between them and eventually unify all their trade.

The pact calls for a French and Italian customs union in 1950 and a complete economic merger by 1955.

The French and Italian parliaments are expected to ratify the agreement in about three weeks. A year afterward, customs officers on the frontier are due to end the collection of tariffs. At the same time, an identical list of duties is to go into effect for goods coming from other countries into France and Italy.

A council made up of members from both countries will take care of putting the agreement into effect.—Associated Press.

NEW INCIDENT ON BORDERS OF IRAN AND USSR

Tehran, March 27.

A high military source said on Saturday that a detachment of 50 Soviet troops has killed one Iranian soldier and wounded and captured two others in a disputed frontier region.

The incident, the informant said in an interview, occurred in an area claimed by Iran, in the Gurgan district south of the Atrek River.

The date was not given in this dispatch, which passed through Iranian censorship.

The Iranian Commander protested to the Soviet Consul in the city of Gurgan and demanded the return of the prisoners, negotiations for the release of the two and payment of indemnity were reported under way.

Press sources reported the Soviet Commander issued an ultimatum to the Iranians to withdraw from the frontier posts in the area and massed Soviet regiments in a show of force, but the Iranian Commander moved up an equal force.—Associated Press.

BANGKOK AND WORLD BANK

Washington, March 25. Sinn is expected to sign membership agreements with the World Bank and International Monetary Fund within a few days.

Among the first results may be a Bangkok application to the Bank for a reconstruction loan and a request to the Fund for assistance in stabilising the Siamese currency.

A group of Siamese Railway and Communications officials is expected here next week seeking equipment for rehabilitation of railroads.—Associated Press.

LONDON SENDS STRONG PROTEST TO PRAGUE

London, March 26.

The British Foreign Office disclosed today it has sent a vigorous note of protest to Czechoslovakia over the incidents which caused Captain Philip Wildash, British military permit officer, to leave the country last Tuesday. Capt. Wildash was seized at his flat in Prague, questioned for several hours, and then instructed to leave the country immediately.

The note, presented to the Foreign Office at Prague, said that in the course of the questioning an official threatened to arrest Capt. Wildash's wife unless he became more communicative. Such a remark, said the note, was considered "superfluous" by his Majesty's Government.

The note asserted that Capt. Wildash, member of an Allied team which issues permits for Czechoslovakia to travel into the Western zones of Germany, was in fact arrested. It said he had been threatened with dire consequences if he did not leave at once. The note added Capt. Wildash had been accused of plotting to injure the Czechoslovak Government but that Czechoslovak officials presented no proofs nor would they say which law Capt. Wildash allegedly violated.

Highhanded Manner

"His Majesty's Government," the note concluded "feel bound to record their view that the Czechoslovak Government acted in an inconsiderate and highhanded manner in forcing this British officer with local consular rank, on vague and general charges, to leave the country within 24 hours, under threat of arrest and that public opinion in Great Britain will inevitably regard this yet another example of methods and actions with which they are becoming familiar and which are entirely foreign to their own conceptions of conduct."

Capt. Wildash left the country on the advice of the British Ambassador in Prague within the time limit set by Czechoslovak police.—Associated Press.

China Reds Shopping For Ship

Shanghai, March 27.

Transport news from Communist-held North China included the report that the ss. Han-yang, of the Hong Kong China Navigation Company, arrived at Takum March 14. The vessel's master has applied to Tientsin customs for port entry to discharge 550 tons of chemical raw materials, machines and tires. Two ships arrived behind the "bamboo curtain" from behind the "iron curtain." These were the ss. "Tientsin" and the ss. Lung Wei Yi which docked at Tientsin on March 14 from Dairen, Soviet-occupied Chinese port in South Manchuria.

On March 11, the ss. Clover-lucks, British, sailed from Tangku for Hong Kong loaded mainly with herbs and wool. The Reds may soon start an agency for foreign trade in the British colony. First item on their shopping list is said to be the purchase of about three 6,000 ton vessels and several coastal vessels of less than 5,000 tons each. Total for the Chinese Communists' projected merchant fleet: 30,000 tons.—Associated Press.

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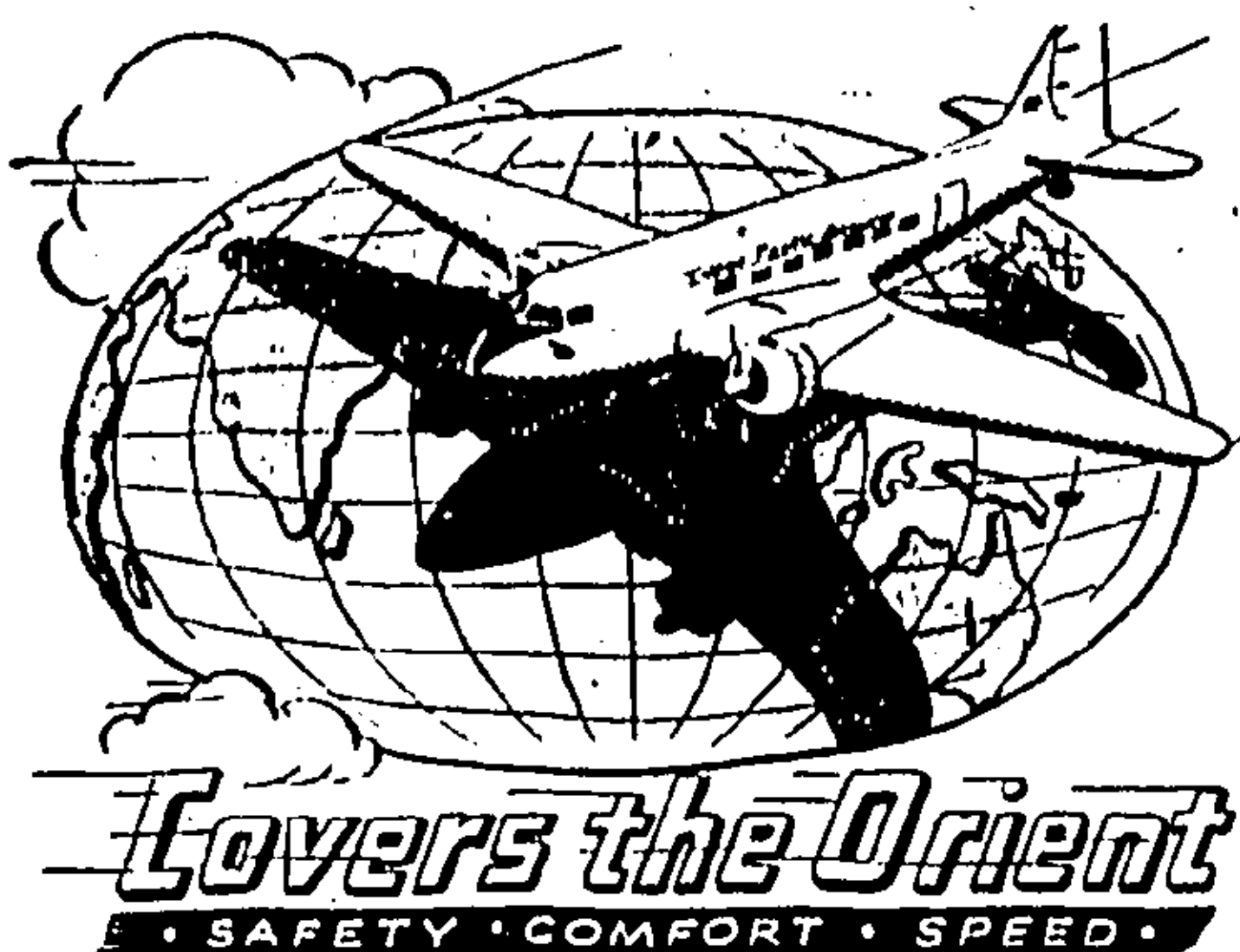
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In Hong Kong the world
shortage of food is only an
echo in our ears, but we
know that not only in Brit-
tain, but throughout vast
areas of Asia, the starvation
level is a wobbly and all too
familiar line. The shortage
of fats is probably more
noticeable than any other.

For two years a gigantic
scheme for increasing the
world's supply of fats
through the cultivation of
groundnuts has been in pro-
gress in East Africa. Fan-
tastic sums of British tax-
payers' money have been
poured into the fickle and
sun-scorched earth, and this,
together with the many un-
expected difficulties encoun-
tered, should move the Home
government to set up an
impartial committee to ex-
amine the whole matter
afresh.

It is uncertain, however,
that any action will be taken.
Mr. Strachey, the Food
Minister, has admitted the
miscalculations, the waste
and the disappointments.
The scheme, however, was
vaunted as a proof that
Socialists had replaced in the
Colonial Empire Tory neglect
by progressive planning.
Therefore all that he will
promise is that the speed of
the scheme will be govern-
ed by the power of his Over-
seas Food Corporation to
borrow £55,000,000, and that
progress in the more difficult
areas will be slower than in
the easier.

The general purposes of in-
creasing the world supply of
fats and of raising the stand-
ards of the Africans are
thoroughly agreed. But
when there are no fats—and
Mr. Strachey failed to ensure
the marketing of last year's
West African crop—and the
advantages to the Africans
are problematic, questions
must be asked.

The first is what is the
Minister of Food—and a
Minister of Food who has
produced more bungles than
nuts—doing in this galley at
all? Why should the
Colonial Secretary be ejected
from one part of his
proper sphere after another
—with the exception of the
Leeward Islands? The
second question concerns
costs.

Mr. Strachey is always
contending that though
capital costs have increased,
so has the price of the pro-
duct. But the capital costs
are there, and we know they
are inflated. The product is
not there, and we do not
know what its price will be
when it is.

In the third place, there
are many signs that those in-
charge of the scheme—small
blame to them—do not know
all the answers to all the
problems of growing food in
tropical Africa.

What they have found,
after clearing one-sixtieth of
the planned area, is that they
must grow other crops, that
they must ensure water sup-
plies, and that efficient trans-
port cannot be improvised
over the 250 miles of bush
between them and the coast.
Nothing could be more un-
worthy than Mr. Strachey's
insinuation that the critics of
this scheme are stabbing
pioneers in the back. What
they are doing is to claim
that pioneers should be given
a fair chance. As one au-
thority observed after visit-
ing the area, "You cannot
beat Africa by arithmetic".

In these circumstances the
question is bound to arise
whether better results could
not have been secured more
quickly elsewhere by other
methods for the same effort

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

The Four Power Pact

By Winston Churchill

destroying the Bolsheviks, for
whom his hatred was mortal.
He believed that he had the
force to gain his main life-
aim. Thereafter all the rest
would be added unto him. He
must have known from the con-
versations at Berlin and other
contacts that the proposals
which he made Ribbentrop send
to Moscow fell far short of
Russian ambitions.

A draft, bearing two date, of a
Four-Power Pact, was found in
the captured correspondence of
the German Foreign Office with
the German Embassy in Moscow.
This apparently formed the basis
for Schulenburg's conversation
with Molotov reported on Novem-
ber 26, 1940. By this Germany,
Italy and Japan were to agree to
respect each other's national spheres
of influence. In so far as these
spheres of interest came into con-
tact with each other, they would
constantly consult each other in
an amicable way with regard
to the problems arising therefrom.
Germany, Italy and Japan de-
clared on their part that they re-
cognised the present extent of
the possessions of the Soviet Union
and would respect it.

The Four Powers undertook to
join no combination of Powers and
to support no combination of
Powers which was directed against
one of the Four Powers. They
would assist each other in economic
matters in every way and would
supplement and extend the agree-
ments existing among themselves.
The agreement would continue for
a period of ten years.

other side of the world Japan lay
heavy upon them. Nevertheless
they had confidence in their grow-
ing strength and in their vast
expansion of territory, amounting
to one-sixth of the land-surface of
the globe. They therefore bargained
toughly.

On November 26, 1940, Schulen-
burg sent to Berlin the draft of
the Russian counter-proposals.
These stipulated:

That the German troops should
be immediately withdrawn from
Finland, which, under the com-
pact of 1939, belonged to the
Soviet Union's sphere of in-
fluence.
That within the next few
months the security of the Soviet
Union in the Straits should be
assured by the conclusion of a
mutual assistance pact between
the Soviet Union and Bulgaria,
which geographically is situated
inside the security zone of the
Black Sea boundaries of the
Soviet Union, and by the es-
tablishment of a base for land
and naval forces of the USSR
within range of the Bosphorus
and the Dardanelles by means
of a long-term lease.

That the area South of Batum
and Baku in the general direc-
tion of the Persian Gulf should
be recognised as the centre of
the aspirations of the Soviet
Union.

An Answer

That Japan should renounce
her rights to concessions for coal
and oil in Northern Sakhalin.

THE destruction of the Graf
Spee in December, 1939, had
brought to an abrupt end the first
German campaign against our
shipping in the wide oceans. The
fighting in Norway had, as we
have seen, paralysed for the time
being the German Navy in home
waters. What was left of it was
necessarily reserved for the
invasion project.

Admiral Raeder, whose ideas on
the conduct of the German war
at sea were technically sound,
had some difficulty in carrying
his views in the Fuehrer's coun-
cil. He had even at one time to
resist a proposal made by the
Army to disarm all his heavy
ships and use their guns for
long-range batteries on shore.

During the summer, however,
he had fitted out a number of
merchant ships as disguised raid-
ers. They were more powerfully
armed, were generally faster
than our armed merchant-cruisers
and were provided with recon-
naissance aircraft. Five ships of
this type evaded our patrols and
entered the Atlantic between April
1 and June, 1940, whilst a sixth
undertook the hazardous North-
East passage to the Pacific along
the North coasts of Russia and
Siberia. Assisted by a Russian
ice-breaker, she succeeded in mak-
ing the passage in two months
and emerged into the Pacific
through the Bering Sea in Septem-
ber.

The object which Admiral Raeder
laid down for the conduct of

the armed merchant-cruiser Jervis
Bay.

Her commanding officer, Captain
Foxen, R.N., recalled at once that
he was faced with hopeless odds.
His one thought, after reporting
the presence of the enemy by
wireless, was to engage the pocket
battleship for as long as possible
and thus gain time for the convoy
to disperse. Darkness approached,
and there would then be a chance
of many escaping. While the con-
voy scattered the Jervis Bay closed
his overwhelming antagonist at
full speed.

Went Down

The Scheer opened fire at 18,000
yards. The shots of the old 6-inch
guns of the Jervis Bay fell short.
The one-sided fight lasted till 6
p.m., when the Jervis Bay, heavily
on fire and completely out of con-
trol, was abandoned. She finally
sank about 8 o'clock with the loss
of over 200 officers and men. With
them perished Captain Foxen, who
went down with the ship. He was
awarded the Victoria Cross post-
humously for his heroic conduct,
which takes its place as an example
in the records of the Royal Navy.
Not until the end of the fight did
the Scheer pursue the convoy, but
the wintry night had now closed in.
The ships had scattered and she
was only able to overtake and sink
five before darkness fell. She could
not afford, now that her position
was known, to remain in the area,
on which she expected that power-
ful British forces would soon con-
verge. The great majority of the
valuable convoy was therefore
saved by the devotion of the Jer-
vis Bay.

The spirit of the merchant sea-
man was not unequal to that of
their escort. One ship, the tanker
San Demetrio, carrying 7,000 tons
of petrol, was set on fire and
abandoned. But the next morn-
ing part of the crew reboarded
the ship, put out the fire, and
then after gallant efforts, without
compass or navigational aids,
brought the ship into a British
port with her precious cargo. In
all however 47,000 tons of shipping
and 200 merchant seamen were
lost.

A far graver danger was added
to these problems. The only thing
that ever really frightened me
during the war was the U-boat
peril. I thought, even
before the air battle would fail,
After the air victory it was a good
battle for us. But now our life-
line, even across the broad oceans
and especially in the entrances to
the island, was endangered.

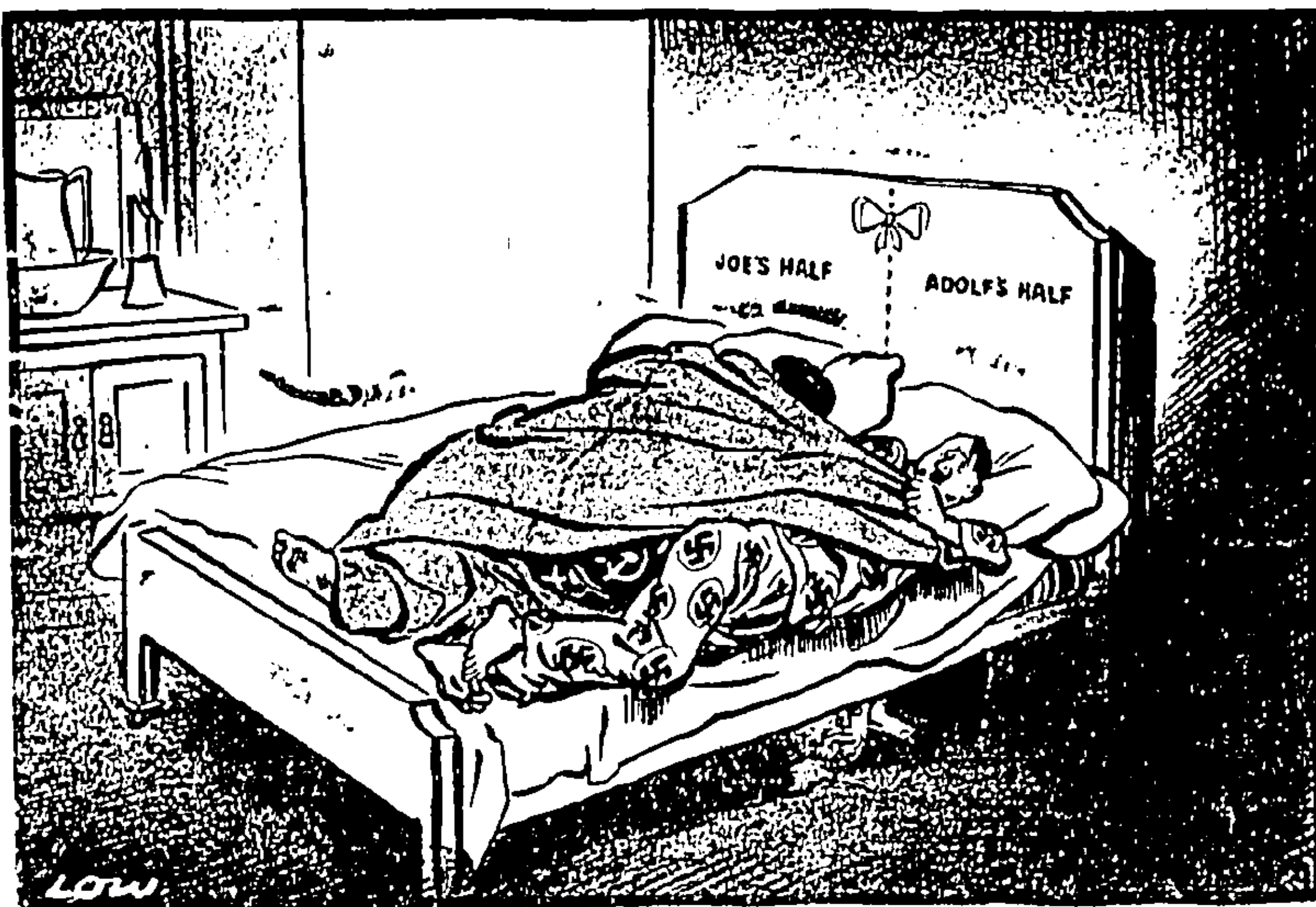
To Guard

The Admiralty, with whom I
lived in the closest amity and
contact, shared these fears, all
the more because it was their
prime responsibility to guard our
shores from invasion and to keep
the life-lines open to the outer
world. This had always been ac-
cepted by the Navy as their
ultimate, sacred, inescapable duty.
So we pooled and pondered to-
gether on this problem.

How much would the U-boat
warfare reduce our imports and
exports? Would it ever reach the
point where our life would be de-
stroyed? Here was no field for
gestures or sensations; only the
slow, cold drawing of lines on
charts, which showed potential
strangulation. Compared with this
there was no value in brave ardors
ready to leap upon the invader, or
in a good plan for desert warfare.
The high and faithful spirit of
the people counted for naught in
this bleak domain. Either the food,
supplies and arms from the New
World and from the British Empire
arrived across the oceans, or they
failed.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)



UNEASY NIGHTS IN THE BALKANS

To this there was to be a Secret
Protocol by which Germany de-
clared that, apart from the terri-
tories in Europe to be
carried out at the conclusion of
peace, her territorial aspirations
centred in the territories of Cen-
tral Africa; Italy declared that,
apart from territorial revisions in
Europe her territories of Northern
and North-Eastern Africa, Japan
declared that her territorial as-
pirations centred in the area of
Eastern Asia to the South of the
Island Empire of Japan; and the
Soviet Union declared that its
territorial aspirations centred
South of the national territory of
the Soviet Union in the direction
of the Indian Ocean.

Not Oppose

The Four Powers declared that,
reserving the settlement of specific
questions, they would mutually re-
spect these territorial aspirations
and would not oppose their
achievement.

As was expected, the Soviet
Government did not accept the Ger-
man project. They were alone with
Germany in Europe, and at the

and money. The question is
very far from implying hos-
tility to colonial develop-
ment.

It is in the same category
as well-founded criticisms of
the Government's mal-
administration of other
schemes which are sound in
principle; namely, that you
should not bite off more than
you can chew and try to
chew it with the false teeth
of Socialist doctrine.

If Mr. Strachey had plan-
ned in terms of thousands
rather than millions of acres,
of tens of good machines
creeks; if he had built the
ports and railways before
pouring millions into the
areas they are to serve; if,
in short, he had conducted a
policy of one who risks his
own money instead of that
of one who risks the taxpay-
ers', he would not today be
running the risk of creating
a desert and calling it—
groundnuts.

No effective answer was return-
ed to this document. No attempt
was made by Hitler to split the
difference. Issues of grave im-
portance might justify a prolon-
ged and careful study in a friendly
spirit by both sides. The Soviets
certainly expected and awaited an
answer. Meanwhile on both sides
of the frontier the forces, already
beginning to grow, and Hit-
ler's right hand reached out to-
wards the Balkans.

The plans prepared on his in-
structions by Keitel and Jodl had
by now reached sufficient maturity
to enable the Fuehrer to issue
from his headquarters on Decem-
ber 16, 1940, his historic Directive
No. 21 (for the invasion of Rus-
sia).

From this moment the moulds
had been shaped for the supreme
events of 1941. We, of course,
had no knowledge of the bargain-
ing between Germany and Rus-
sia for dividing the spoils of our
Empire and for our destruction;
nor could we measure the as yet
unformed intentions of Japan. The
main troop movements of the
German armies Eastwards had
not yet become apparent to our
active intelligence Service. Only
the infiltration and gradual mar-
shalling in Bulgaria and Rumania
could be discerned.

Had we known what is set forth
in this chapter we should have
been greatly relieved. The com-
bination against us of Germany,
Russia and Japan was the worst
of our fears. But who could tell
Meanwhile,

these ships was threefold. First to
destroy or capture enemy ships;
secondly, to dislocate shipping
movements; and, thirdly, to force
the dispersion of British warships
for escort and patrol to counter
the menace. These well-conceived
tactics caused us both injury and
embarrassment. Up till the end of
September, 1940, these five raiders
sank or captured 30 ships, amount-
ing to 235,000 tons.

Broke Out

At the end of October, 1940, the
pocket battleship Scheer was at
last ready for service. When the
invasion of England had been
shelved she left Germany on Octo-
ber 27, and broke out into the
Atlantic through the Denmark
Strait. The Scheer had orders to
attack the North Atlantic convoys,
from which the battleship escorts
had been withdrawn to reinforce
the Mediterranean. Captain
Kranke believed that a homeward-
bound convoy had left Halifax on
October 27, and he hoped to inter-
cept it about November 3. On the
5th his aircraft reported eight
ships in the South-East, and he
set off in pursuit.

At 2.22 p.m. he sighted a single
ship, the Mopan, which he sank by
gunfire after taking on board the
crew of 68. By threats he had been
able to prevent any wireless re-
ports being made by the Mopan.
At 4.50 p.m. whilst thus occupied,
the masts of the convoy HX.84,
consisting of 37 ships, appeared
over the horizon. In the centre of
the convoy was the ocean escort,

DO YOU
KNOW
YOUR
HONG
KONG?

Can you re-
cognise where
this picture was
taken? The an-
swer is in Page
Seven.



A new device enables a gram-
phone record to be played over and
over again without attention. It
is feared at ZBW that this may
encourage progressive absenteeism
among radio announcers.

"A dog jumped on to the rail-
way tracks. He wagged his tail
as the Canton-bound train moved
off and disappeared round the
bend. The train was held up for
three minutes. No trace of it was
found. It had evidently run off
the line without being seen."
And the dog...?

The management will remain,
at least in principle, says an in-
dustrial report. But go west in
practice?

According to somebody's statis-
tics, Hong Kong's buses travel a
distance of 500 times round the
world. Now that I understand,
I shan't blame the company so
much as I wait patiently at the
stop.

It is reported that the govern-
ment is to encourage the impor-
tation of yarns. Does this mean
even more American combs?

Then there's Hong Kong's most
confident man who always gives
his seat to a woman when he
leaves the bus.

At a big dance the other night
Myrtle wore one of those topsies
evening dresses that pick up
everything—including men.

A successful politician is a
figure of speech.

"An ostrich in the London zoo
died after a short illness, in spite
of daily doses of rum. A post
mortem is being held."

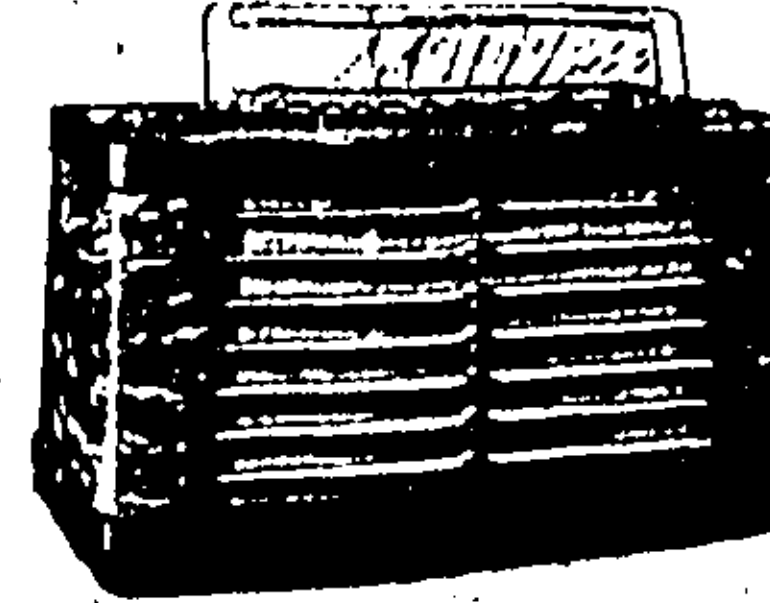
Aulipsy is the word they want.

"Passengers toasted the distin-
guished couple as the liner
ploughed its way onward, under
now-sunny skies. The glass is
rising steadily."

Shipboard prices, of course.

Teething troubles.
Over the week-end a couple of
hospital orderlies were called in
to separate the mouths of a teen-
age couple whose goodnight kiss
was so affectionate that their
dental braces interlocked.

Myrtle says: "I follow the
horses, and the horses I follow
follow the horses."



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Truman-Stalin Meet Asked At Peace Rally

New York, March 27.

Demands for a Truman-Stalin conference to end the cold war arose last night at the Cultural and Scientific Congress for World Peace.

T. O. Thackrey, editor and publisher of the "New York Post" Home News, demanded a conference "at the highest level, with both President Harry Truman and Premier Josef Stalin in attendance."

And O. John Rogge, a former U.S. Assistant Attorney General, said the American people should "tell President Truman it is time he is ready to talk peace." Mr. Rogge is an official in Henry Wallace's Progressive Party.

Mr. Thackrey said, during his address to the conference, "I would like to see the U.S. propose a conference, at the

TITO'S PRESS BLASTS ALBANIA AND BULGARIA

Belgrade, March 26.

Marshal Tito's government press today accused Albania and Bulgaria of adopting methods so "dirty" that they "would not even be used in Capitalist countries."

The attack, appearing in the morning newspapers, "Borba" and "Politika" was the strongest yet by the Yugoslav press against the nations' Communist neighbors.

The newspapers charged Bulgaria and Albania with methods ranging from medieval to Fascist torture in the treatment of Yugoslav national freed on espionage in Sofia and Thessalonika.

The papers also said that Bulgarian sent agents into Yugoslavia "to spread libelous propaganda" to collect across the border military, economic and political information about the country.

The "Borba" said, "This attitude once more how the followers of the Cominform have been unable to struggle against truth with any other means except dishonesty, dirty insinuations and inventions."—United Press.

highest level, with both President Truman and Premier Stalin in attendance, to determine the means for returning all outstanding disputes between the nations and their current allies to the UN, not for debate but for settlement."

In the same view, editor Guy Emery Shipley of the Independent Episcopal Publication, the "Churchman," asked the U.S. government to send religious leaders "as official peace missions" to those countries "with which we have unhappy relations."

An unidentified speaker at one panel also suggested that more writers be exchanged between the U.S. and Russia.

The panel session of writers passed a resolution asking the UN to call upon Russia and the U.S. to meet and settle their differences.

Blame U.S. And USSR.

Earlier Russia and the U.S. both were blamed for the cold war. The Soviets were attacked sharply at a counter-rally of American Scientists, educators and writers held at the same time.

Two Canadians attending sessions of the conference, which has been labelled pro-Communist by the State Department—a charge denied by its sponsors—were seized at a banquet and sent back to Canada. A third

was permitted to remain. The Immigration Service said only that the three were questioned about Communist activities and that the two who left agreed to return to Canada voluntarily.

Pickets bearing such signs as "Exterminators the Dirty Red Rats" continued to protest the conference, which has delegates from many countries behind the "iron curtain." However, only about 100 marchers showed up for the keynote session at Carnegie Hall.

Henry Wallace

Henry A. Wallace, Progressive Party Presidential candidate, defeated in last November's election, told the session that "neither Communism nor capitalism can solve" the problem of creating abundance for all people "until both, by agreement, get rid of the spirit of intolerance."

Mr. Wallace said he was sure Soviet and American scientists could work together to "serve people everywhere." And he declared, "the peoples of the world now fear that either America or Russia—or both will trample on them."

Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard astronomer who is chairman of the conference, said Russia and the United States "are so obsessed by pointing out each other's shortcomings that they ignore their own. Certainly both are at fault."

The counter-rally, sponsored by the Americans for Intellectual Freedom, was held at Freedom House. Dr. Bryn J. Hovde, President of the new School for Social Research, told the rally Nazi Germany had crushed intellectual freedom before the recent war.

"But today," he said, "the menace is doubly great from a Communist Party which, wherever it seizes control, abolishes all freedom—intellectually, scientific, artistic, economic and political—first in its own members and then for everyone."—Associated Press.

U.S. POLICY IN CHINA A MISTAKE

Troy, March 26.

The United States is "endangering its own safety and that of 'free peoples everywhere' in not giving the National Government of China strong military aid as well as moral support in its fight against the Communists, a former Chief of the U.S. State Department Eastern Affairs Division, Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck, told a meeting last night.

If China swings into the Russian orbit, Dr. Hornbeck said, Korea, the Philippines and Japan would be lost eventually and a shooting war would be inevitable.

"The North Atlantic Pact, good as it is, is doomed to failure as a means to world peace if the Chinese, and other Far Eastern peoples willing to fight against Communism, are not given strong support," he added.

Dr. Hornbeck, a former Ambassador to the Netherlands, is now retired.—Reuter.

Both Spain And Portugal Want To Join

Madrid, March 26.

A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry said today that the Spanish government will choose the moment which it considers opportune to make public its decision regarding the Spanish participation in the Atlantic pact.

The spokesman added that there was no reason to believe that Spain was hostile to the pact when the pact was considered here as the first real serious effort of Western European against "Soviet imperialism."

However, the spokesman added that the Iberian pact uniting Spain and Portugal provides for consultations between the two countries concerning the development of any new agreements such as the Atlantic pact.

He said the Spanish-Portuguese conversations on the matter, which have been underway in Lisbon for a week, have been friendly.

Reliable sources in Lisbon said today that Portugal is determined to join the Atlantic pact no matter what objections Spain makes. Spain was said to have objected to Portugal's signing on the grounds that it violated the terms of the Iberian pact.—United Press.

New Concept For British C'wealth

Canberra, March 26.

A formula for an entirely new concept of British Commonwealth relationship is to be discussed at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' London Conference next month, it was learned authoritatively today.

Sources close to the Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, said they believed that Lord Listowel, the British Under-Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs, while in Australia recently, had said that the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, wanted every British Commonwealth Prime Minister to be in London to discuss a "momentous issue."

The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Herbert Evatt, who is at present in London, believed to have played a leading part in devising a formula aimed at keeping India, Pakistan and Eire on an equal footing with other British Commonwealth countries.

An authoritative source said a great problem is to enable India and Eire, as Republics, to keep their British connection without an acknowledgement to King George VI as the symbol of unity.

It was hoped the formula will be acceptable to them. It has been suggested in Canberra that trade and tariff concessions will be involved in the formula.

It is learned authoritatively that the conference will also discuss the danger to British interests of the rapid spread of Communism in Asia and South East Asian countries.

Although no official announcement has been made, authoritative sources said it is almost certain that the Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley, will attend the conference.—Reuter.

To Discuss Industrial Dismantling

London, March 26.

Britain and France may hold another London meeting at an Ambassadorial level on German industrial dismantling early next week, it was learned today from a usually reliable source.

After this meeting—between the French Ambassador, M. René Massigli, the United States Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, and Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, head of the German Department of the Foreign Office—the problem is expected to be referred to the three nations' Foreign Ministers in Washington.

Dismantling experts held another meeting in London yesterday, but the French team has since returned home, and it was not thought the talks could be carried much further here. No talks were held yesterday between Sir Ivone and the two Ambassadors, and none was expected to take place today.

Shipping and shipbuilding are included in the dismantling question, and it was learned on good authority that the British Government had agreed to a speed limit of 12 knots for German-built merchant vessels and a limit of 8,000 tons on their size. This United States was believed still to be pressing for a further increase in these limits. The speed and size limits, it was understood, did not apply to tankers.—Reuter.

U.S. Revival Of German General Staff Charged

London, March 26.

The Soviet Army newspaper, "Red Star," today charged that the United States has revived the German general staff "under the guise of the Military Historians Committee."

The Red Star story, quoted by the Soviet monitor, said the German staff are "directed by the war criminal, General Fritz von Halder, former chief of Hitler's General Staff, and are working in close contact with a special department composed of 27 German generals attached to the American general staff in Washington."

The "Red Star" said the generals "have been given the task of summarising their experience of military operations on the Soviet-German front." It also alleged that a "German army is actually being set up in Western Germany in the form of various semi-military organisations and

even undisguised military formations."

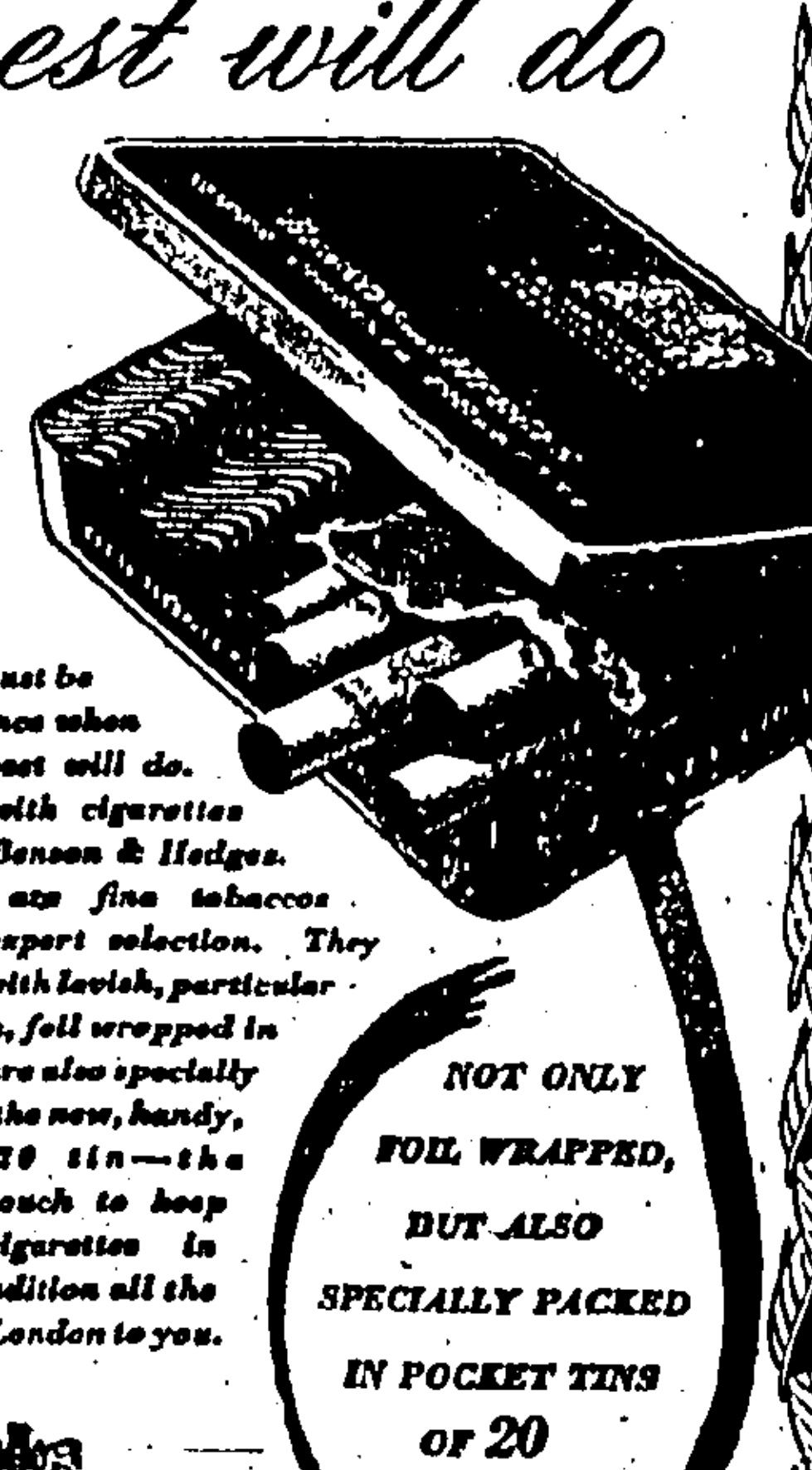
The Russian paper said these organisations include "ex-soldiers' entertainment clubs, sports clubs and so on."

The Soviet paper said, "In the British zone a union of the former German war prisoners reeducated from the Soviet Union is being formed and a special charter is drafted for it. The former Stahlhelm is now being revived under the name of a German party. Ex-Hitler officers and, above all, SS men are organisers of these societies."—United Press.

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Five Thousand Patents, Designs To Be Restored

Tokyo, March 27.

Approximately 5,000 patents, designs and utility models owned by Allied nationals will be restored and revalidated under terms of the Far Eastern Commission directive received here, GHQ announced today.

Advice To China Reds On Trade

Shanghai, March 27.

The American Commercial Attache in Shanghai thinks the Reds could restore North China industry and lost trade by allowing reliable foreign firms to resume operations.

But he also thinks that it is too much to expect from the Reds. Frederic Hinkle told the American Junior Chamber of Commerce it will make little difference to the United States what the Reds do because direct American interests in North China are negligible. For this reason, he said, America's attitude toward the situation can be "entirely objective."

Since 1941 the Western world has turned away from Manchuria as a contributor to world markets.

"If the Communist authorities in Manchuria seek to work for the benefit of the people as they profess, they will find it necessary generally to conform with established methods and procedures," Mr. Hinkle said.

In the past, Manchuria has had only a small volume of trade with the Soviet Union, Mr. Hinkle pointed out, but now the Reds may turn to Russia because Russia likely will dump goods on the world market in an effort to acquire foreign trade.

He said it probably will take 20 years to rebuild Manchuria's industry, then it will only be possible if world markets for the regional crops can be revived and conditions are best.—Associated Press.

Owners must apply for restoration or revalidation within a "reasonable time" through SCAP. Patent owners will have the option of recovering any funds which have been set aside as royalties for use of the patents without authority during the war or, in alternative, have the patent rights extended into the future for a length of time in which they were unlawfully expropriated.

In order to obtain an extension of patent rights, owners must waive all claims for use of the patent and remit any funds received or credited to him in blocked accounts.

SCAP said it is not responsible for obtaining or attempting to obtain compensation for any use of patents prior to the date of restoration. However, SCAP will, upon application, give the owners information on funds credited to their accounts which constitute royalty payments for unauthorized use of their patents.

In another directive, SCAP was authorized to require the Japanese Patent Office to accept applications from foreign nationals at war with Japan which had filed in any country applications for patents within the 12 months period to the outbreak of hostilities and to register the patents in Japan with priority based upon the previous filing of the application.

In effect, the latter directive allows persons outside of Japan who filed patent applications as early as 1941 to obtain Japanese patent rights even though patents have been issued to other persons in Japan on similar inventions during the war.—Associated Press.

Pope Urges Housing For People

Vatican City, March 26.

Pope Pius XII urged representatives of 19 nations attending a building conference in Rome to devote themselves to the task of procuring for millions of homes that "assure a maximum of hygiene (comfort, and dignity."

The Pontiff spoke yesterday to representatives of the Building, Civil Engineering and Public Works Conference, held under the auspices of the International Labour Organisation. His address was made public today.

"The people," said the Pontiff, "need housing as they need clothing and food."

This, he said, was a need common to all men and which they should receive from a normal economy, above all, through the competition of private initiative.

In his closing session at Palazzo Venezia, today, the conference approved a committee report that asks Governments and builders of member countries of the International Labour Organisation to reduce building costs, increase production and encourage prefabrication and standardisation.

Governments were also asked by approved committee reports to encourage private investment, reduce taxes on capital invested in industry and postpone public works that are not urgent when there is slowdown in private construction.—Associated Press.

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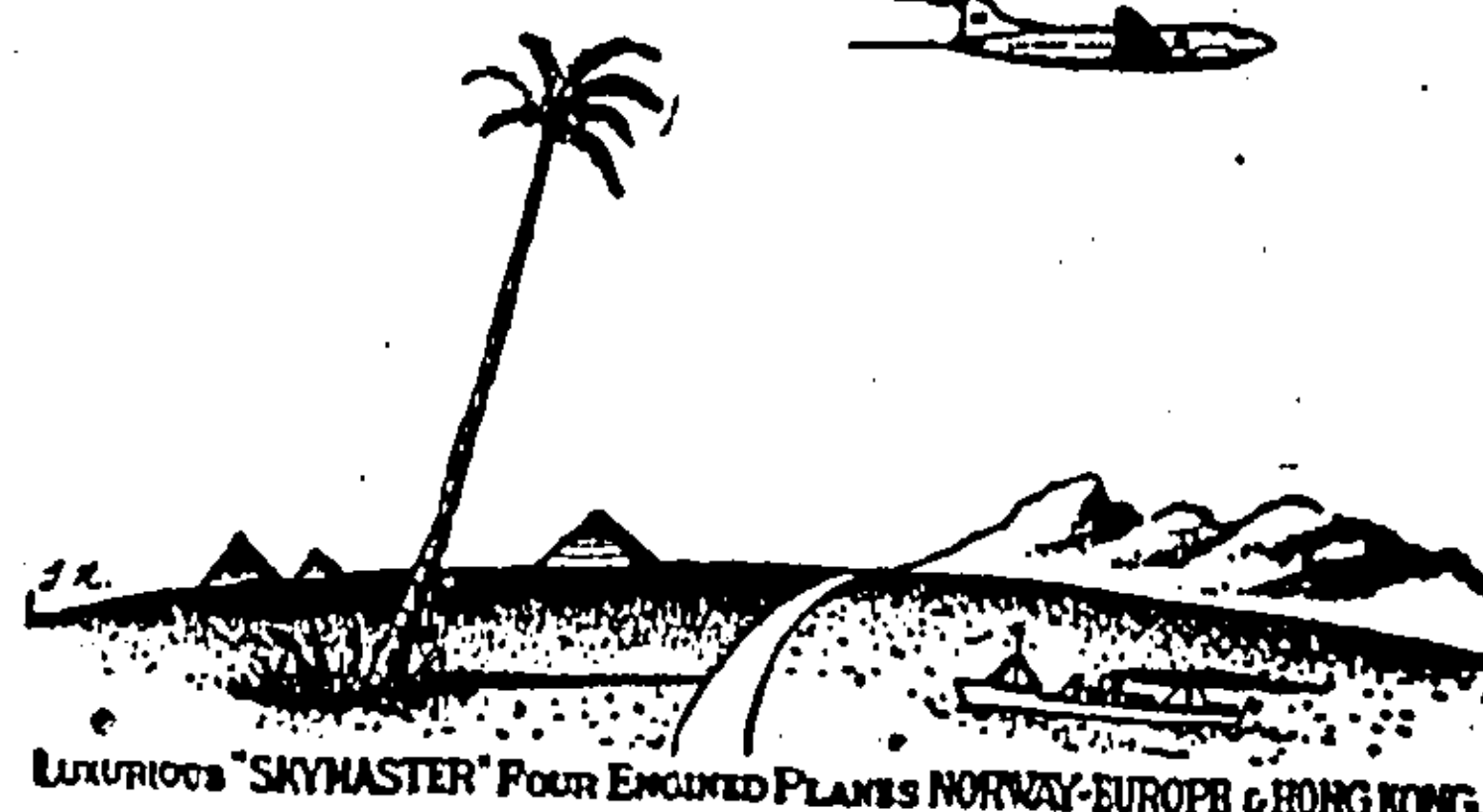
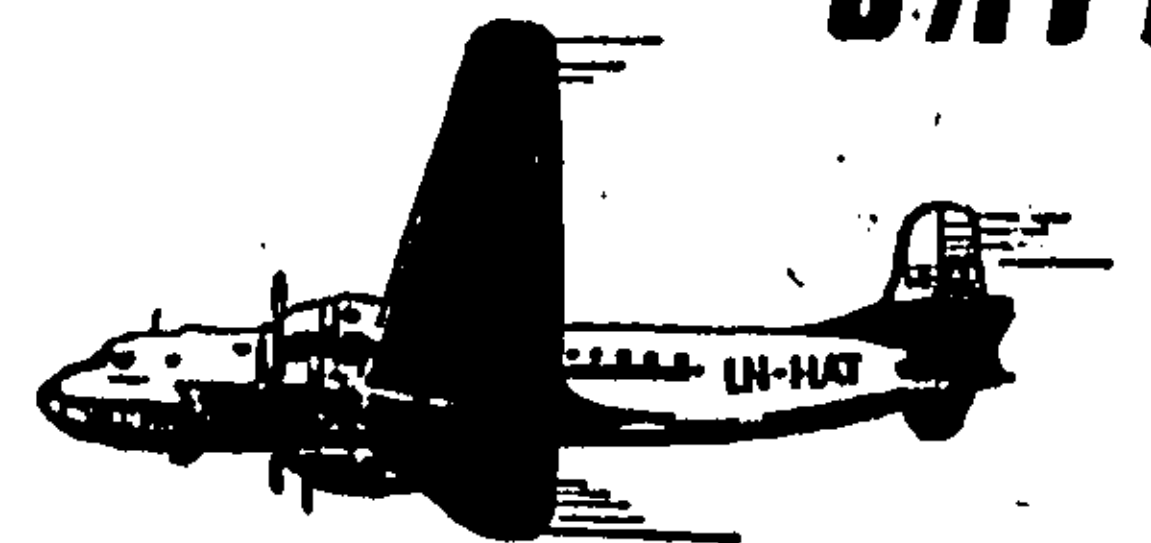
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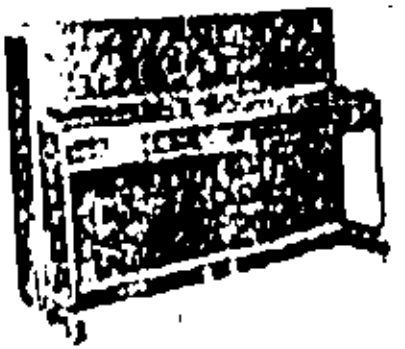
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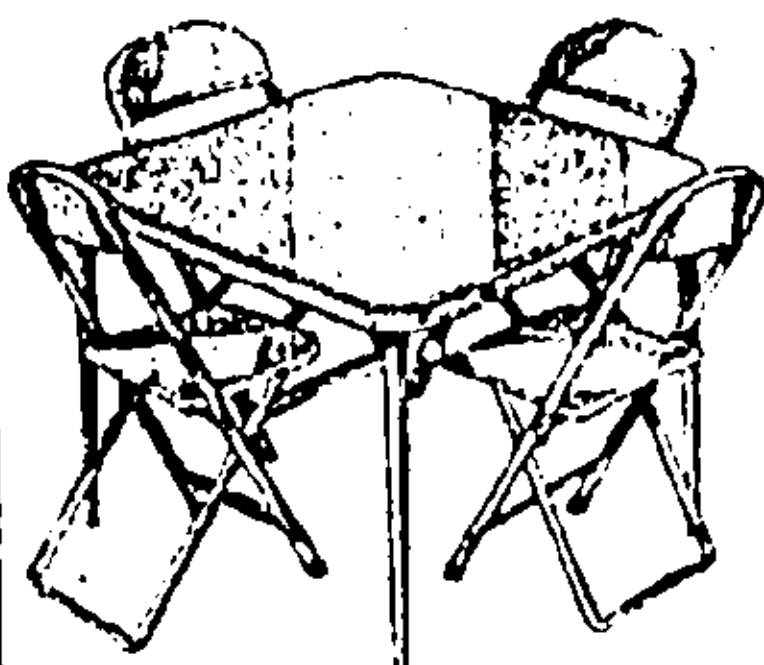
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RUSSIA RE-ORGANISING ARMY HIGH COMMAND

Berlin, March 28.

Russia has revived the wartime State Defence Council and is re-organising its army High Command, according to reports reaching Berlin through usually well-informed channels.

Dutch And Indonesia To Try Anew

Batavia, March 28.

A United Nations spokesman announced today that Dutch and Indonesian leaders will meet here, probably next Wednesday, for preliminary talks aimed at halting the fighting in Indonesia. Observers here believed they were foredoomed to failure.

Meanwhile the United Nations Commission for Indonesia reported to the Security Council today that there is no serious damage to Jogjakarta, the Dutch-occupied Republican capital, which would interfere in any way with the Republican Government's re-establishment there.

The Commission based its report on information from military observers and its own deputy representatives, who visited Jogjakarta on March 21. It added that lack of materials and equipment, part of which had been removed or destroyed since December 18 last year, when the Dutch occupied Jogjakarta, would seriously hamper the effective functioning of the Republican administration.

It would, therefore, be necessary for the Dutch authorities to furnish the facilities as anticipated in the Security Council's resolution of January 28 this year, which called on The Netherlands Government to permit Republican officials to return to Jogjakarta to "discharge their responsibilities."

—United Press and Reuter.

SHAKESPEARE UNDER FIRE

New York, March 25.

A former City Magistrate, Mr. Joseph Goldstein, demanded today that Charles Dickens' novel, *Oliver Twist*, and Shakespeare's play, *The Merchant of Venice*, be banned from required reading lists in New York State schools.

Mr. Goldstein said these works are anti-Semitic. "If the books are not eliminated from the schools, he will take court action next Wednesday against the Board of Education."

PROTEST IN BERLIN

Berlin, March 28.

A crowd, said by the Soviet-controlled German police to number 100,000, took part today in a mass protest meeting in East Berlin against the introduction of the Western mark as the sole legal tender in the Western sectors of the capital.

Observers said the meeting was well organized. The workers marched to the Unter den Linden in columns carrying Red flags and banners.



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Protestants In U.S. Shun Truman Talk

Hollywood, March 28.

President Truman today asked the Americans to extend a spiritual helping hand to the rest of the world. President Truman spoke on the nationwide inter-denominational religious broadcast which was boycotted by a group of Protestant Fundamentalists because Mr. Truman has not apologized for calling columnist Drew Pearson an "S.O.B."

President Truman spoke from Washington over the combined networks of the Columbia, American and Mutual Systems. Except for Mr. Truman's speech which was made from Washington, the programme originated here with an array of seven stars in the east.

The broadcast was planned as a unified appeal to Americans of all religious faiths to go to Church on Sunday and contribute their nickels, dimes and quarters to a special collection for promoting religious work in Europe and Asia.

Rev. Carl McIntire, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, N. J., and President of the International Council of Christian Churches, said he had instructed 1,500,000 Christians he represents not to support the drive because President Truman was on the programme.

The Term "S.O.B."

Rev. McIntire, who has been complaining about Mr. Truman's use of the term "S.O.B." ever since he uttered it in a speech a few weeks ago, declared that the President owed the world an apology and said his churches were boycotting the broadcast and collection unless Mr. Truman repented his verbal indiscretion.

President Truman went on the air to appeal for religious unity with the blessing of a score of leading Churchmen and without apologising for his alleged profanity. The President said that in a country the United States has long understood that "to help the suffering is to serve God."

—United Press.

Arab Nations Adamant On Refugee Problem

Beirut, March 26.

All the Arab countries today told the Palestine Conciliation Commission here that they would not attend a full scale peace conference before the problem of the 750,000 Arab refugees was settled.

The Arab States told the Commission this after a tentative suggestion to hold such a conference, probably in Geneva, had been made to ascertain the Arab reaction.

The Arab replies were made in verbal and written statements addressed to Mr. Mark Ethridge, the American newspaper publisher, who heads the three-man group which, for six days, has been discussing a possible solution of the refugee problem with the Arab countries.

These countries are The Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan, Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia (which is also representing The Yemen). Official sources had said the Commission felt the refugee problem could only be settled collectively in conjunction with a permanent settlement.

One positive fact emerged from the Arab replies—that the Arab countries are willing to settle down their previous demand that Israel take back all the refugees before the peace talks.

It now appears that some "agreement in principle" by Israel would mean the Arab wishes and clear the way for the opening of peace talks.

A Commission source said today that the Beirut Conference might last until the end of next week. Nothing definite could be expected until the Commission had had time to study the Arab cases and consult further with the Israelis, he added.

United Nations sources today said the Commission had three main headaches as far as a peace settlement and the return of the refugees were concerned.

Three Main Headaches

1. To get Israel to give an "agreement in principle" before opening the talks. Although the Israelis have already stated they are willing to take back a limited number of the Arabs—around

—Associated Press.

Disorders In Madrid

Madrid, March 25.

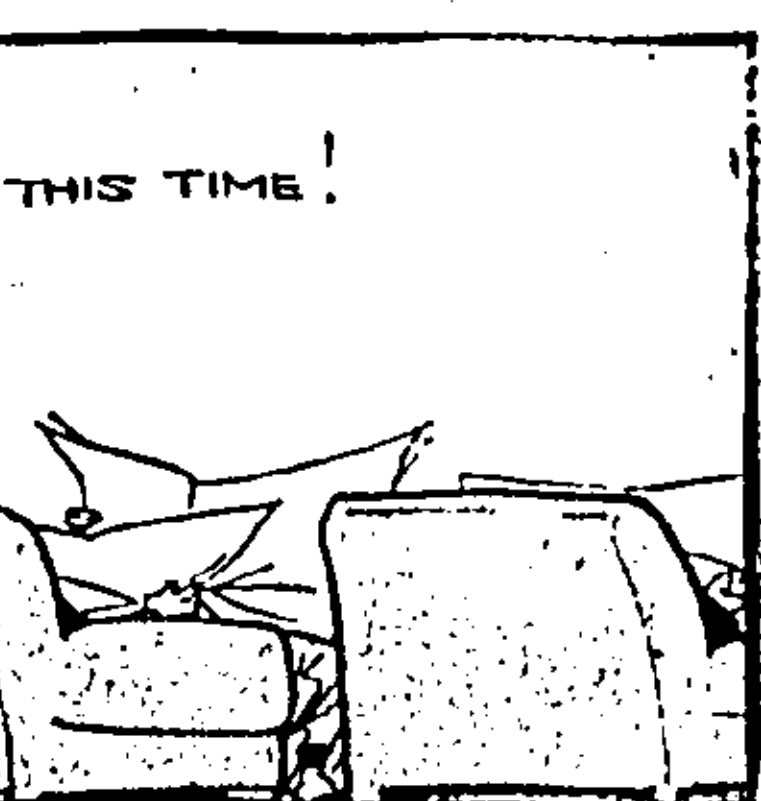
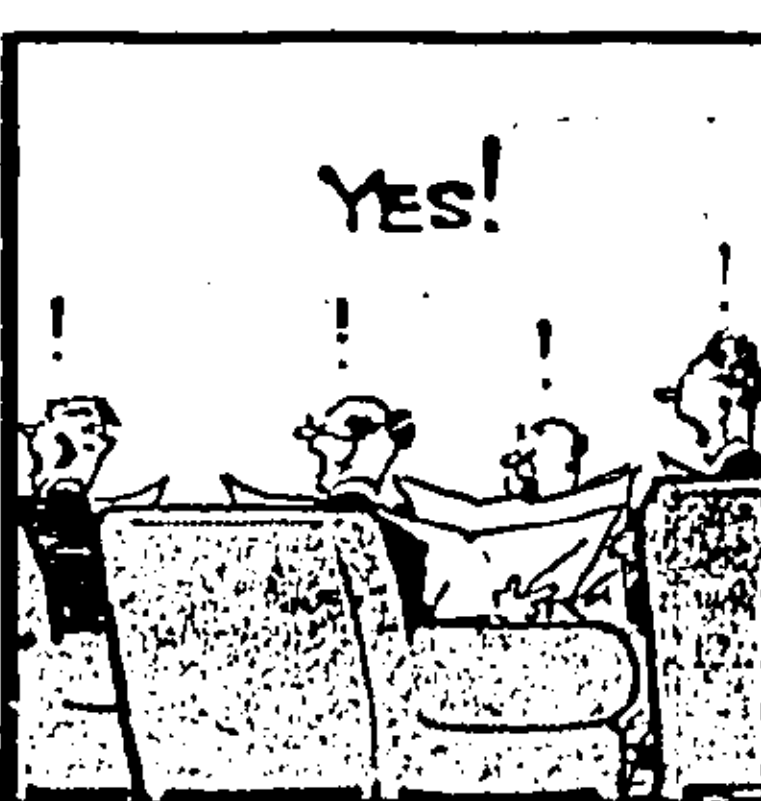
When only 5,000 tickets were offered for sale to the public for the Italy-Spain soccer match next Sunday, street demonstrations and disorders broke out in Madrid today.

The remaining 70,000 tickets for the match have been sold in advance to people with influence.

The protests today included students parading the streets with placards stating, "we will exchange our university degrees for tickets for the football game."

Hundreds of people queued throughout rainy night waiting for the ticket gates to open and fights broke out as people tried to get ahead on the queue. —Associated Press.

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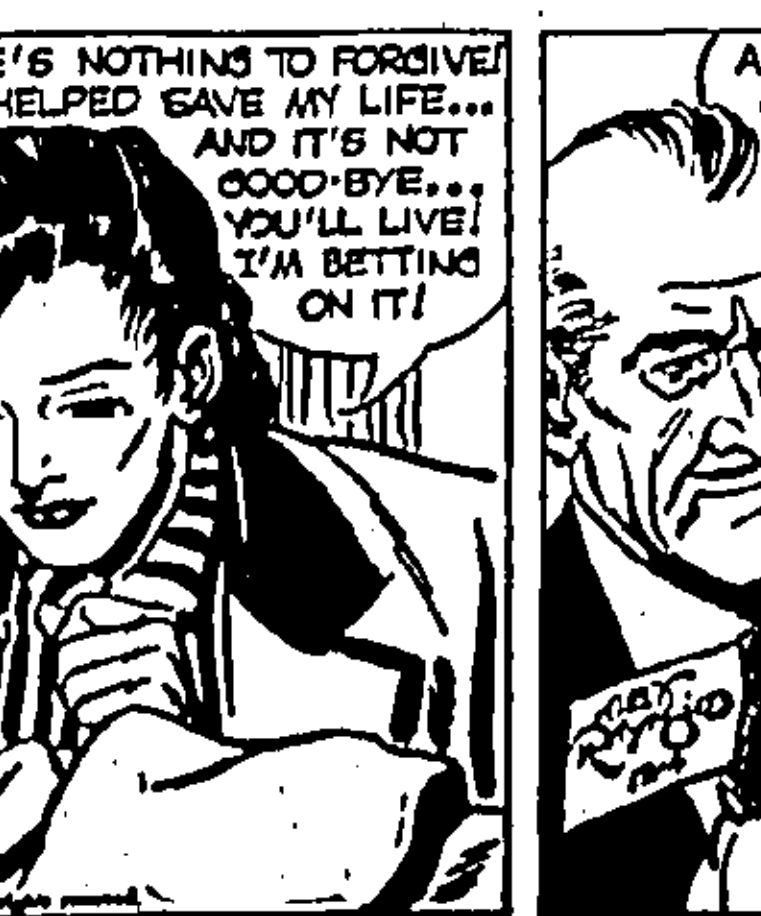
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HONG KONG WATERFRONT

BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

Port Notes

Local river shipping circles, still dazed by the two mining incidents within the week, are putting on their thinking caps to define ways and means of protecting their interests.

Though it is already an open secret, there is yet no official disclosure of any drastic measures being planned as a result of the negotiations between owners and the authorities concerned.

In the meantime, there are still more than 15 vessels operating on the Hong Kong-Canton run. Cannon, however, have been doubled both at the wharves and aboard.

Mine or no mine, hundreds are still trekking back to their native villages for the Ching Ming Tomb-sweeping Festival.

Coming from Japanese waters, ships, officers disclosed that more than 3,000 mines are endangering Japanese shipping in the Inland Sea.

They quoted a Japanese Safety Board official who stated that 27 mine explosions were recorded in the affected areas during the last six months.

The United States Navy, which is clearing up the remaining mines in Hakata Harbour, will begin sweeping operations in the Inland Sea by May.

One hundred Chinese seamen will be flown to the United Kingdom to bring back one of the Butterfield and Swire's new ships.

The first group will leave Kaitum early next week. They will be recruited locally and comprise mostly veterans of other B. and S. steamers.

The ss. Changshu, one of eight new B. and S. vessels, is due to leave UK next month.

Young Peter Francis Rocha certainly did not like it, but it had to be done, however cold the water was yesterday.

It was young Rocha's christening at St. Theresa's Church. His proud parents smiled at his protests.

Peter was born on March 12 at Kowloon Hospital and is the third son of Mr. Carlos Rocha, Assistant Marine Officer, Licensing Office of the Marine Department.

Mr. Manuel Marques and Mrs. L. Botelho are his godparents. Rev. Father Claude officiated. A family reception was held at Prince Edward Road.

A party of businessmen from Chinese Communist Shantung ports left the Colony last week after successful negotiations with local shipping circles and authorities regarding the resumption of trade with North China.

Among the discussions, it was understood, was assurance of protection against enemy fire on Red vessels while en route to Hong Kong.

It was also learned that the unofficial Red representatives were given a warm welcome during their brief stay.

Butterfield and Swire proudly announce the inauguration of "our best equipped passenger coaster," the newly-converted steamer Pakhoi, which is due to leave for Shanghai today for her first passenger assignment.

The Pakhoi recently completed her conversion at Taikeo Dockyard in 1948 for conversion to a passenger coaster. The former cargo coaster is now equipped with mechanical ventilation, 13 saloons, 22 staterooms, accommodation and 350 deck space, a cocktail bar, a smoking lounge, a spacious dining room and several modern navigation aids.

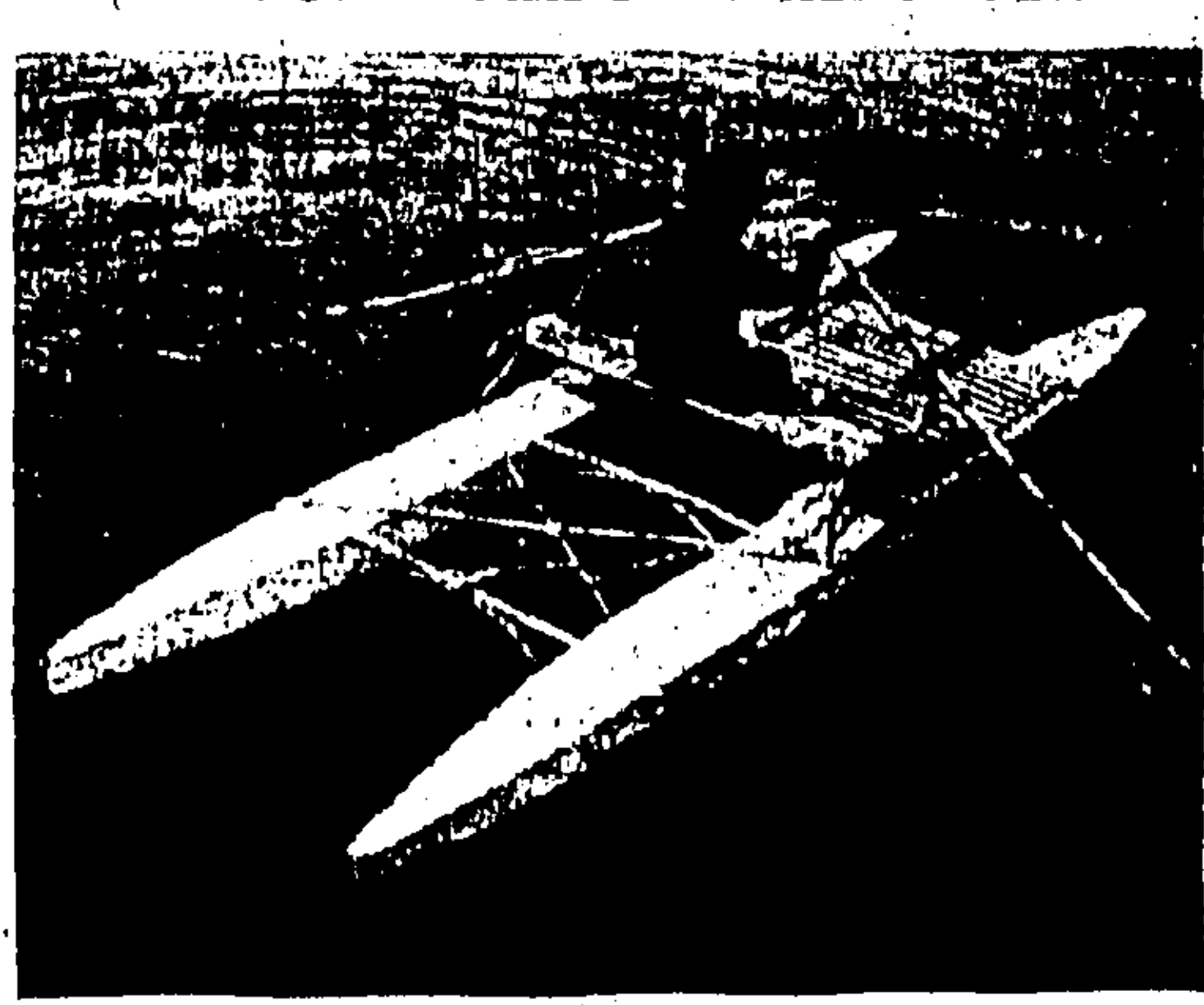
She will be on the Shanghai-Hong Kong-Straits run.

The veteran China coaster Whangpu is to be scrapped by her new owners, who purchased her recently from Butterfield and Swire.

Built at Taikeo Dockyard in 1929 for the China Navigation Company, the Whangpu operated as a depot maintenance craft in Australia during the war. On her return to local waters after the war, she was laid up at Lanchow.

Eastern entrance to Elliot Barrier is now marked by a black globular buoy showing a fixed green light approximately 300 feet East of Melged Point. 284 ft. West of the stern of the wreck of Miss Orient.

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In creditable service since the beginning of this year are a "floating canteen," at Yau-mat, a "radar calibrating craft" and five modern 98-foot flat-topped refuse lighters.

Designed by the Marine Department to suit local conditions and completed under the supervision of the Superintendent Engineer, Government Slipway, Yau-mat, these craft were constructed jointly by the Government Workshop and contractors.

Of particular interest and importance to the local public is the catamaran-type life saving craft, seven of which are expected to be in service at local beaches this summer.

This is the first of this type of craft to be seen in local waters and was specially designed by the Superintendent Engineer, Yau-mat, to suit the varying weather conditions at local beaches.

The craft has been undergoing successful tests under good and bad weather, at several bathing spots, including Repulse Bay and Castle Peak under the supervision of an Urban Council representative.

Features of Craft
Features of this innovation include its high degree of stability, a very shallow draft and its easy launching.

The construction consists of two hollow wooden floats, joined together by tubular framework and a series of light planks on the after end which serves as a platform for the rescued person.

It measures 10 feet long and five feet wide, and can comfortably accommodate four persons.

Each float is divided into five water-tight compartments and the whole craft has a draft of only a few inches.

Its high degree of stability prevents the craft from turning over; a necessity considering the fact that a drowning person would cling on desperately without regard to the vessel.

Each costs approximately \$900. More are expected to be built this year and they may be seen on the local beaches this season.

Another development is the fitting of a Marine Department vessel with a radar calibration equipment for the purpose of checking radar sets of vessels using the port and the issuance of radar certificates.

This craft has been in operation since early this year, and is the first one of its kind here.

The Sanitary Department is maintaining a floating mess at marked by red light at night. Dent Point is fouled by the wreck and is not to be used as an aid to navigation.

Early yesterday morning, the Chinese Navy destroyer Lin Fu passed through Hong Kong bound West, presumably to Canton.

The Lin Fu was transferred from the Royal Navy to the Chinese at the same time as the Chungking.

Yau-mat for its staff, who are provided with meals and refreshments during working days. Equipped with running water, cooking stove and seating accommodation for 60 men, the craft is a converted "RCL" (ramp cargo lighter) and is stationed at Kung Chung.

It is also the first of its kind in the Colony.

Who's Who

Representing the third generation of a seafaring family to choose a nautical career, Mr. Gerald MacDonald of Edinburgh began his life aboard as a cabin boy 14 years ago.

The 33-year-old Scotsman first saw Hong Kong when he arrived in 1935 as a steward on the Empress of Britain, globe trotting with her for three years. He visited the Colony again last week by the new Ben Line motorship Beneluch, which arrived here on her maiden trip.

"The sea has got in my blood, and I'll be seafaring for many more years," said Mr. MacDonald, whose grandfather was a merchant marine veteran of 33 years and whose father a Royal Navy veteran of 22 years. His 19-year-old brother is working in a shipping office at home.

During his 14-years of travelling, Mr. MacDonald encountered many interesting incidents, "three of which I will never forget."

"My most thrilling moment was when the Empress of Britain was taking the King and Queen across the Atlantic for a tour of Canada and the United States. The steward of the ms. Beneluch recalled.

See Their Majesties
Their Majesties were friendly with the crew, "and I had a group picture taken with them," he said, "but added ruefully, 'I have been waiting since then for a copy of that photo.'"

"On the first visit of the Empress of Britain at Naples in 1938, we were just having a drink in



Mr. Gerald MacDonald

one of the cabarets, when a group of young Fascists approached us. Insisted we give them a refund. When we disregarded them, a belligerent crowd gathered around us.

"But we managed to get out and ran nearly two miles with a mob of Italians chasing us," he recalled.

Mr. MacDonald returned to Italy with the Liberation Force after that incident.

During the war, Mr. MacDonald was at one time engaged in evacuating women and children from London to Canada. His ship, HMT Volendam, was torpedoed in the North Sea in 1942 on one of such missions. It was around midnight when it happened.

"That was the only occasion when I was in the drink," the young Scot said.

HMT Volendam listed to more than 30 degrees, and the passengers were lowered in lifeboats while escort destroyers fought off the enemy submarines for nearly three hours. The women and children were later picked up by the destroyers and the damaged transport was towed to Glasgow.

No one was fatally wounded. Mr. MacDonald represented Scotland in juvenile and junior soccer against England and Ireland in 1934 and 1935.

THIS WEEK'S MART:
ASH—ex third engineer of ss. Whangpu of 12 years experience on Straits-China Coast run wants work on ship to Straits; aged 46.

GW—deckhand/steward on three years experience on ocean-going vessels wants work on ship to UK; aged 23.

SB—AB/deckhand of 10 years experience on ocean-going vessels wants work on any ship; aged 33.

LAC—third mate ex-Royal Navy of 10 years service wants work on any merchant marine ship; aged 22 years.

HM—assistant steward of three years experience on Indian Coast wants work on any ship, preferably on Indian Coast run; aged 45.

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Mr. R. Magill, fireman of the ss. Riverdale, which is undergoing repairs after her crew quarrelled, settled by fire at Texas on route to Hong Kong last January, was discharged from the ship and repatriated to his home in Australia.



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EMPIRE PARK (Rhine Chong)	Ym.		SANGOLA (Hil) ex-Calcutta	20		28	VAN HEUTZ (RIL) for Swatow.			
HA KING (CMBN) ex-Shanghai	Ym.		SINDHIA (Hil) ex-Calcutta	20		29	HUPH (Hil & S) for Incheon.			
TAI PO SIAN (Rhine Chong)	Ym.		TAIRA (Hil) ex-Calcutta via Straits	23		30	NINGHAI (Hil & S) for Tientsin.			
TODAY			JAPAN							
BOUQUINVILLE (Hanku) ex-Pacific Coast	Ym.		MEIKSBERG (Hil)	20	Mar.		DOG. MOITAIN (MM) for Shanghai			
INT. MICHAEL (MM) ex-Haliphom.	Ym.		STRAAT MALAKKA (RIL)	20	27		HUPH (Hil & S) for Incheon.			
TABBAR (RIL) ex-Shanghai.	Ym.		DAYHAM (Hil) (Jardine)	20	April		TURKS HEAD (Everett) for Shanghai.			
WASHINGTON MAIL (Everett)	Ym.		EASTERN HAGA (Jardine)	20		5	CHIOYANG (Jardine) for Tientsin.			
TOMORROW			HIRSHIR (Hil) ex-Singapore	20		6	CHIOYANG (Hil) for Shanghai.			
PRODUCE (Hil & S) ex-Hankou.	Ym.		POYANG (Hil & S) ex-Kobe	20		8	JESSE LYONS (APL) for Takao.			
TSINAN (Hil & S) ex-Swato.	Ym.		SINDHIA (Hil)	20		9	TSINAN (B & S) for Swatow.			
			STRAAT SONDA (RIL)	21	May	10	WINGSANG (Jardine) for Shanghai.			
						11	BRADRETT (Everett) for Shanghai.			
						12	MANIKHEG (RIL) for Shanghai.			
							13	THEWELLARD (P & O) for Shanghai and Japan.		
							14	CHAMPOLLION (MM) for Shanghai.		
							15	TUTZALONGKA (RIL) for Shanghai.		
								16	END REE MERE ELBIE (MM) for Shanghai.	

SOUTH AFRICA		EUROPE	
HAALER (GMBH) for Japan.	April 9	PRODUCE (H & S) ex-Bangkok	29
TRINIAN (H & S) for Sweden.	June 20	ST. MICHAEL (MM) ex-Haiphong	28
UNION STEEL (UK) Holdings for Germany.	April 9	TURKISH HEAD (Everett) ex-Saigon	31
YU CHOW (H & S) for Saigon.	June 20		
TODAY BOISSEVAIN (RIE) 20 TEGELBERG (RIE) 20		Mar. 28 DENALBANACHI (Loddy) for R (Loddy, Hull). 29 RAVNAAS (Thorsen) via Manila.	

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MOVEMENTS		ARRIVALS		DEPARTURES	
Ship		Ship		Ship	
Arrivals TODAY CNAC ex-Amoy (S) 12:15 p.m. 5 p.m., ex-Canton (KAO) am. 10:10 am. 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:50 p.m. 3:35 p.m., 5:10 p.m. ex-Shanghai		April 10 COLORADO (Dodwell) for Vancouver New York. 12 ALLEGHENY VICTORY (Shimizu) via Panama. 13 ARIZONA (Dodwell) Los Angeles, San Francisco. 18 FLYING DRAGON (USL) ex-San Francisco. 24 GEN. MEIGS (APL) ex-San Francisco. 25 GEN. WALKER (USL) ex-San Francisco.		April 2 CORFU (T & O) for London. 4 INDIA (H) for Calcutta. 7 DAYBAM (H) for Calcutta. 9 HANGOLA (H) for Calcutta. 10 JAPAN (H) for Yokohama.	

HK AIRWAYS	ex-Canton	9:40 a.m.	San Francisco	8	and Japan	1462	1 PHOENIX (H & S) for Yokohama and Ketsu.
		11:49 a.m., 3:44 p.m., 4:40 p.m.	EIGHTHORN (USL) ex-San Francisco	9			2 HOISEBEVAIN (RML).
PAK AIRWAYS	ex-Singapore	2:15 p.m.	MORGANBAY (Wellen)	6	New York		3 WOSANG (Jardine).
BOAC	ex-Tokyo, Shanghai	3 p.m.	PIONEER BAY (USL) ex-New York	23	10		4 ALBERTA (VICTORY (APL) Fuusn, Kobe.
THAIENTHENS	ex-Bangkok	3 p.m.	PRES. BUCHANAN (APL) ex-Los Angeles	6	11		5 RICHMOND HILL (DI).
TOMORROW							
ANR	ex-Singapore	11:30 a.m.	Angela via Japan	2	12		6 TAIEHA (DI).
QANTAS	ex-Sydney	12:45 p.m.	PRES. HARDING (APL) ex-Los Angeles	19	13		7 CHANGTE (H & S).
		5 p.m., ex-Sydney	10:10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:50 p.m.	10	14		8 SHUKATA (DI).
		8:35 p.m., 6:10 p.m., ex-Shanghai	3:25 p.m.	15	15		SOUTH EAST PORTS
CATC	ex-Taipei via Amoy, Swatow	6:50 a.m.	PRES. VAN BUREN (APL) ex-Los Angeles	19	16		9 PERNER, GRANT (APL) for New York via Pacific Coast.
	ex-Kunming via Luchow, Canton	6:50 a.m.	TANTARA (East Asiatic)	19	17		10 PERNERY (Thorsen).
CIFA	ex-Melb.	11:30 a.m.	GREGON (Dowdell)	22	18		11 PERNER (Thorsen).
UAE AIRWAYS	ex-Canton	2:40 a.m.	PRES. JOHNSON (APL) ex-San Francisco	24	19		12 PIONEER MAIL (USL) for New York

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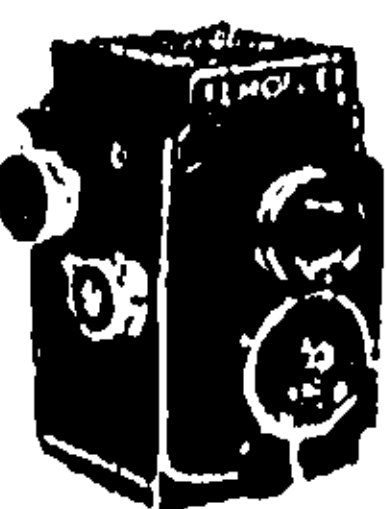
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Navy Trounce Eastern As RAF Lose To Kit Chee

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

FIRST DIVISION		
Royal Navy	7	Eastern 1
RAF	0	Kit Chee 3
Kwong Wah	3	S. China "B" 3

SECOND DIVISION		
PCA	2	K. Motor Bus 0
Kit Chee	3	Talkoo 0

Around The Clubs

Since the Club de Recreio first started to enter for their members in the field of sports, they have made a fine name for themselves in all branches of sports. In various items of sports they have produced champions and winners in numbers and ways they will take some beating. At first the club entered a team in the Junior Football League and left shortly before the outbreak of the Pacific War. The Club won the Junior League Championship in the 1924-25 season and in the following season they won the Senior League.

In 1926 when Recreio was in their prime in football, they inaugurated the Portuguese Inter-club against Shanghai which was won by the Northern Port and the following year Shanghai repeated their performance. However in the following two years, Hong Kong were successful. Represented by the majority of their players, Portugal won the International Competition in 1926 and 1933.

They have produced several inter-club winners with the Green and Whites A. V. and B. T. having a record second to none. With the exception of 1932 when he was unable to go to Shanghai, A. V. Gossano was selected from 1926 to 1940 while his brother B. T. was selected on several occasions. Five times, the "B" Division League three times and the "C" Division League once.

In the Colony Single Championship three of their members have won it once. They are R. F. Luz, L. A. Gullerrez and F. V. Ribeiro in 1930 and 1940.

In the Colony's Open ranks, J. Noronha, C. A. Lopes and J. E. Noronha won in 1939 and in the following year F. A. Machado, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (skip) were successful.

The Club have also won the Sney Royal Cup and the International Competition. Eight of their members have represented the Colony in Inter-club bowls with R. F. Luz heading the list with six inter-club wins. The late C. G. Silva and H. A. Alves, three each, J. A. Luz and J. E. Noronha twice each and L. F. Xavier and F. V. V. Ribeiro once each.

In Tennis, the Club have produced two inter-club winners in V. A. Yvanovich and A. V. Remedios while M. M. Silva and Miss M. Xavier have won the Colony's Ladies Doubles title in 1941.

The Club have also won the "B" Division Tennis League on two occasions and the "D" Division once.

As for Badminton, M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios were selected to represent the Colony against Bangkok while the Club have been successful in the Men's Doubles, the Ladies Doubles and the Mixed Doubles on more than one occasion.

The Club have again won the Senior Cricket League title this year. They won it once and that was before the war.

Dr. E. L. Gossano (2), C. N. Gossano (2), J. M. Gossano and A. M. Prata (2) have been selected in inter-club against Shanghai. In the hockey field, W. A. Reed have secured inter-club honours on eight occasions, J. A. Gossano, four times, while Dr. E. L. Gossano, B. T. Gossano, Dr. E. L. Gossano, R. A. Marquies and Dr. H. L. Osofio each once. The late A. J. Osofio won the Billiards Championship of the Colony.

Royal Navy again struck a winning patch yesterday when they scored a runaway victory over Eastern in a First Division soccer match at Caroline Hill, winning by seven goals to one. RAF, who lost to Kit Chee by three clear goals at Sookunpoo, had only themselves to blame, as they enjoyed as much of the ball as their opponents but failed to take advantage of the opportunities which came their way.

At half time, the Chinese were leading by one goal to nil. Immediately on resumption, the Airmen resumed the offensive and the Chinese defence was again subjected to a sustained hammering.

Kwok Ying-kee raised the hopes of the Kit Chee supporters when he gained possession and raced down the centre of the field, outpacing the RAF defenders all the way. When it came to the final effort, however, Kwok shot straight at Bartrum, who had no difficulty in saving. Wu Chiu-chung made amends for Kwok's lapse in the next minute, however, when he netted with a beautiful header to the corner of the net from a pass by Wong King-chung.

The RAF were not in the least perturbed by this reverse, but returned to the attack in earnest. Gray missed a glorious opportunity of reducing the lead of his opponents when, after cleverly eluding the Chinese defence, he worked his way in towards goal. Cheung Koon-hing left his charge and Gray sent across a fast ground shot which went yards wide of the mark.

The Chinese attack then swung into action and both Tang Kwong-sum and Wong King-chung, the two wingers, came into prominence with several well timed centres which the inside trio failed to turn to advantage.

The RAF again brought the ball into the Chinese area and this time Studd threw away a good scoring chance when, with only Cheung Koon-hing to beat at close range, heapped the ball into the goalkeepers hands.

At the other end, Wong King-chung sent in a crashing shot which struck Bartrum. As the ball rebounded into play, the RAF defence passed it back to Bartrum, who cleared.

Just into the time, Tang Kwong-sum received the ball and raced towards goal. As he was about to be attacked by a RAF defender, he sent in a fast shot to the right hand corner of the net, with Bartrum well and truly beaten.

Almost on time, Kwok Ying-kee broke through but he was bundled off the ball before he could shoot.

The final whistle came with Kit Chee winners by three clear goals.

RAF: Bartrum, Durham, Souter, Butler, Wilson, Townsend, Stanley, Cross, Studd, Gray and Owen.

Kit Chee: Cheung Koon-hing, Fok Yiu-wah, Mok Kam-chung, Lee Ping-chiu, Yau Wah-hing, Lo Wai-kuen, Tang Kwong-sum, Wu Chiu-chung, Kwok Ying-kee, Wu Cheuk-yin and Wong King-chung.

Kwong Wah 3—South China "B" 3
Kwong Wah created a mild surprise by holding South China to a drawn game, each side scoring three times.

South China started to attack right from the start and within five minutes, Chan Tak-fai opened the scoring with a brilliant header from a good pass from Ko Po-keung.

The game continued with South China for foul, Ko Po-keung, a penalty was awarded to South China for a foul. Ko Po-keung made no mistake with the spot kick.

Chan Tak-fai increased South China's lead to three goals with a ground shot.

Lau Tak-hing, outside left for Kwong Wah reduced the lead before the interval.

Leicester XI Reach FA Cup Final

London, March 26.

Leicester City, a Second Division club, faced with a threat of relegation, have reached the Football Association Cup final for the first time in their history. They will, however, have to wait until the result of the replay between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Manchester United before knowing who will be their opponents at Wembley on April 30.

By beating Portsmouth, the favourites, 3-1 at High-bury, Arsenal's North London ground, they accomplished what everyone outside Leicester had thought impossible, and in doing so destroyed Portsmouth's hopes of bringing off the Cup and League "double," last achieved 52 years ago.

From the outset Leicester refused to be overawed by the reputation of their opponents, and long before the end it was hard to believe that it was Portsmouth and not the City who were the leaders of the First League.

It was young Don Revie, who many regard as one of the most promising forward discoveries since the war, who gave an early indication of the probable outcome of the match. He picked up a pass and coolly drove the ball past the Portsmouth goalkeeper, Ferrier. Leicester virtually settled the issue within ten minutes of the re-start through goals by Chisholm and Revie.

The result was ample revenge for the 4-1 defeat they suffered at the hands of Portsmouth on their only other appearance in the semi-final of the season 1933-34 and was the crowning achievement in the history of the club, which was formed in 1884. Little could those pioneers—known in those days as Leicester Fosse—have dreamed that one day their successors would be in sight of one of football's most valued prizes.

Wolverhampton vs Manchester United
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right half International, Cockburn, which caused the side to be re-arranged, did not improve matters.

While Portsmouth were engaged in the Cup, Newcastle United took the opportunity to strengthen their challenge in the League by winning 2-0 at Huddersfield.

The United are now three points behind, but Portsmouth have a game in hand.

Morris, the £25,000 capture from Manchester United, scored his first goal for Derby against Manchester City, and the County remain in third place.

Blackpool, beaten 2-0 at home by Charlton, caused a surprise before the game when they announced that Stanley Matthews, England right-winger, although fit after a month's absence, would not be included in the side. The club stated that this decision was partly due to Matthews' possible inclusion in the England team against Scotland at Wembley, and to the desire to keep an unchanged side for the next season.

Nottingham Forest, who are struggling to avoid relegation, heartened their supporters by a convincing 3-0 win over Coventry City, this being their first success since January 22.

The bottom club, Lincoln City, gained a valuable point at Plymouth, where the Argyle were without their goalkeeper Short for the first time in 94 consecutive games.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS
First Division: Liverpool 4, Stoke City 0.
Third Division, Northern: New Brighton 0, Hull City 0.—Reuter.

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Wahoos Play Top-Notch Ball To Win Pennant

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Staging the most valiant uphill fight soon on the local diamond, the Wahoos overcame a first inning eight-run deficit to blank the Wildcats for the rest of the game, and emerged triumphant 10-8, thus annexing the "China Mail" Trophy for the second successive year. It was a well-deserved victory as Big Chief Wahoo Terry Noronha settled down after a mound lapse in the initial canto, and chucked heady ball to handcuff the Untamed Felines, while the Owls snapped out of their lethargy and really went to town by blasting Lefty Dolly Brown for a total of eight solid safeties.

Terry Noronha walked two and fanned four, while losing twirler Dolly Brown passed Bernie Remedios to first on two occasions and whiffed three.

A series of injuries featured this important play-off in which no quarter was given, nor asked for. Wildcat catcher Effe Babin seemed to have received the worst, as he suffered a knee injury while sliding into second, and stopped a foul tip with her frontal dentures.

Yollio Franco was tagged in mid-air when he attempted to score on Theresa Remedios' single and was stranded for quite a while. A similar setup also put Helen Ribeiro on a relay from first-ancker Hilda Soares completing a twin-killing.

Helen ran into Patsy Ribeiro's gloved ball and hit the dirt good and hard behind the plate.

The Wahoos went in to bat first and notched up a tally when Terry Noronha singled, Piffled second and third and romped over on Patsy Ribeiro's grounded.

Wildcat fans were in ebullient spirits as they bubbled over with joy when the Cats countered with eight runs. In this erratic chapter the Owls bungled six chances while Terry Noronha yielded three safeties, but the "Big Chief" put an end to the comedy of errors when she froze Dolly Brown's pop bunt.

The Owls cut down the lead by denting the pay-off station for a single marker in the second, leaving two runners stranded. In the Cats half of the second, Effe Babin beat out a roller but in an attempt to steal second she sprained her knee.

Sneaks Third
Margie Xavier ran for Babin and sneaked third base, but Peggy Barros and Helen Ribeiro struck out in order. Inez Soares also failed to come through with a safely and the side was retired.

Despite the fact that the Wildcats were still six runs ahead, the Owls fought right back into the game with a three-run uprising in the third, when they bunched up three hits, which included a roaring triple by Hilda Soares. This was the turning point and for the rest of the game the Wahoos played inspired ball.

Another cluster of three runs was registered in the next, and matters might have been worse for the Cats had Helen Ribeiro not stopped Patsy Ribeiro's line drive right through the windy alley.

The fifth opened with the score deadlocked at eight-all, and both sides failed to score as the crucial stage was approaching.

On the sixth Patsy Ribeiro and Hilda Soares flew out. Yollio Franco next up for the Owls led Dolly Brown's pitch to short-stop Helen Ribeiro who fumbled the ball and Franco was perched at first base with the potential knot-breaker.

A steal was called for in the Owl strategy and Coach Winglee promptly called in Elsie Thompson to relieve Franco who was still winded in a close play at the plate in a previous chapter.

Tennis Programme
Today's tennis games—
Open Singles Final
Stand Court: K. H. Ip v Tsui Wai-pul.
Club Singles Handicap (Semi-final)
Court 1: A. T. Dow v W. D. A. Chiu.
Court 2: H. J. Armstrong v J. Barrow.
Club Mixed Doubles
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A basketball match has been arranged for tonight at Caroline Hill between Linman University and Wah Yan College, Hong Kong. The game is timed to begin at 8 p.m.

Racing Prize To Bombay

Dublin, March 26.
A £5,000 prize in the Irish Sweepstakes on the Grand National goes to Bombay on ticket No. T2 08,076, held by "Kanta," whose name was given as Withalide Nally, of 109, Hamman Lane, Kildesey, Bombay.

The horse drawn was Royal Mount.

A £10,000 prize for a second round was won by a ticket holder in South Africa.—Reuter.

Welsh Team Lose To French XV

Paris, March 26.
Wales beaten by France by five points to three today in the last international rugby union match of the season, finished at the bottom of the championship table.

A faster and better handling pack gave France their win. The backs of both sides showed occasional flashes of brilliance, but the Frenchmen had more of the ball and the Welsh three-quarters were kept mainly on the defensive.

The speedy Frenchmen, having the better of the matters in the loose and set scrums, were undoubtedly superior in the first half, but Wales, showing something of their traditional fire, fought strongly in the second half until Lassegue unexpectedly darted over for a try.

Wales were weak in the forward line and their backs, forced on the defensive, found few opportunities to show their attacking skill.

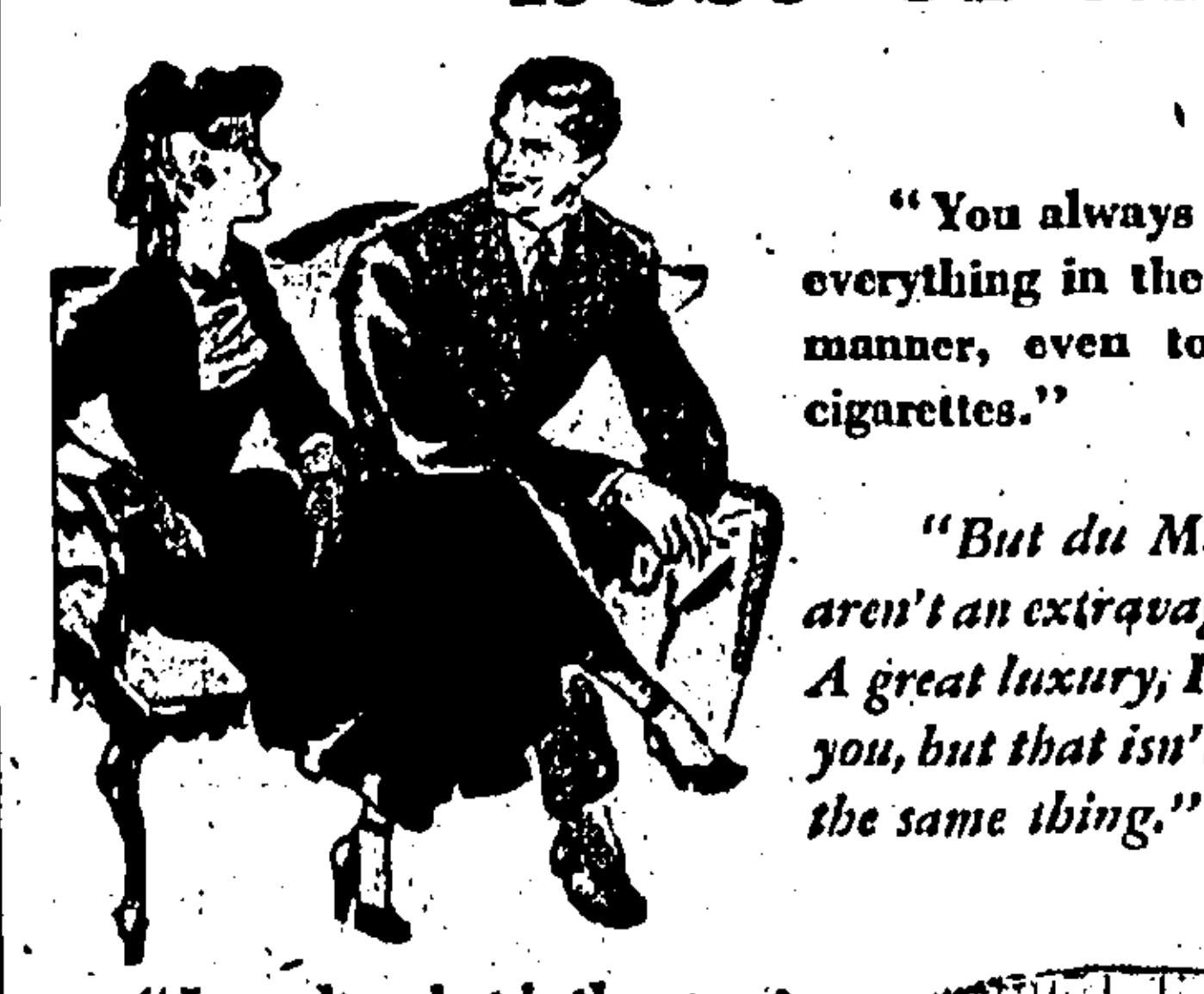
Haydn Tanner was outstanding at scrum half, and Ken Trott was sound under repeated heavy pressure.

France deserved their victory, but they never looked like overcoming Wales because of the latter's determined resistance.

A record crowd of about 50,000 watched the match and the receipts of £7,000 were a record for an international rugby match in Paris, being about 180 more than for the France-Scotland match last January.

Ken Jones, wing threequarter, opened the scoring with a try for Wales, which Trott failed to convert. Lassegue scored France's try, which Alvarez converted.—Reuter.

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